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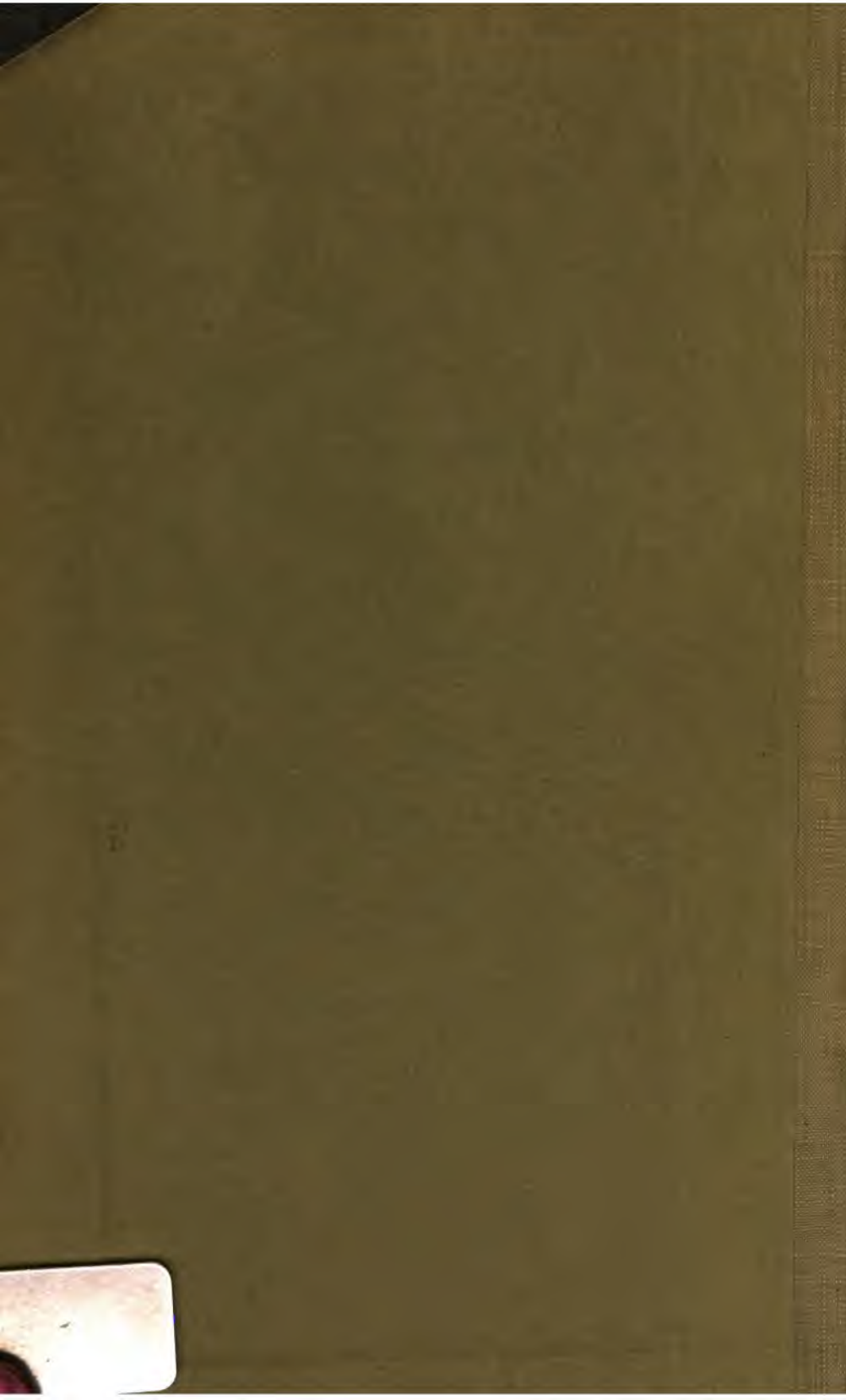
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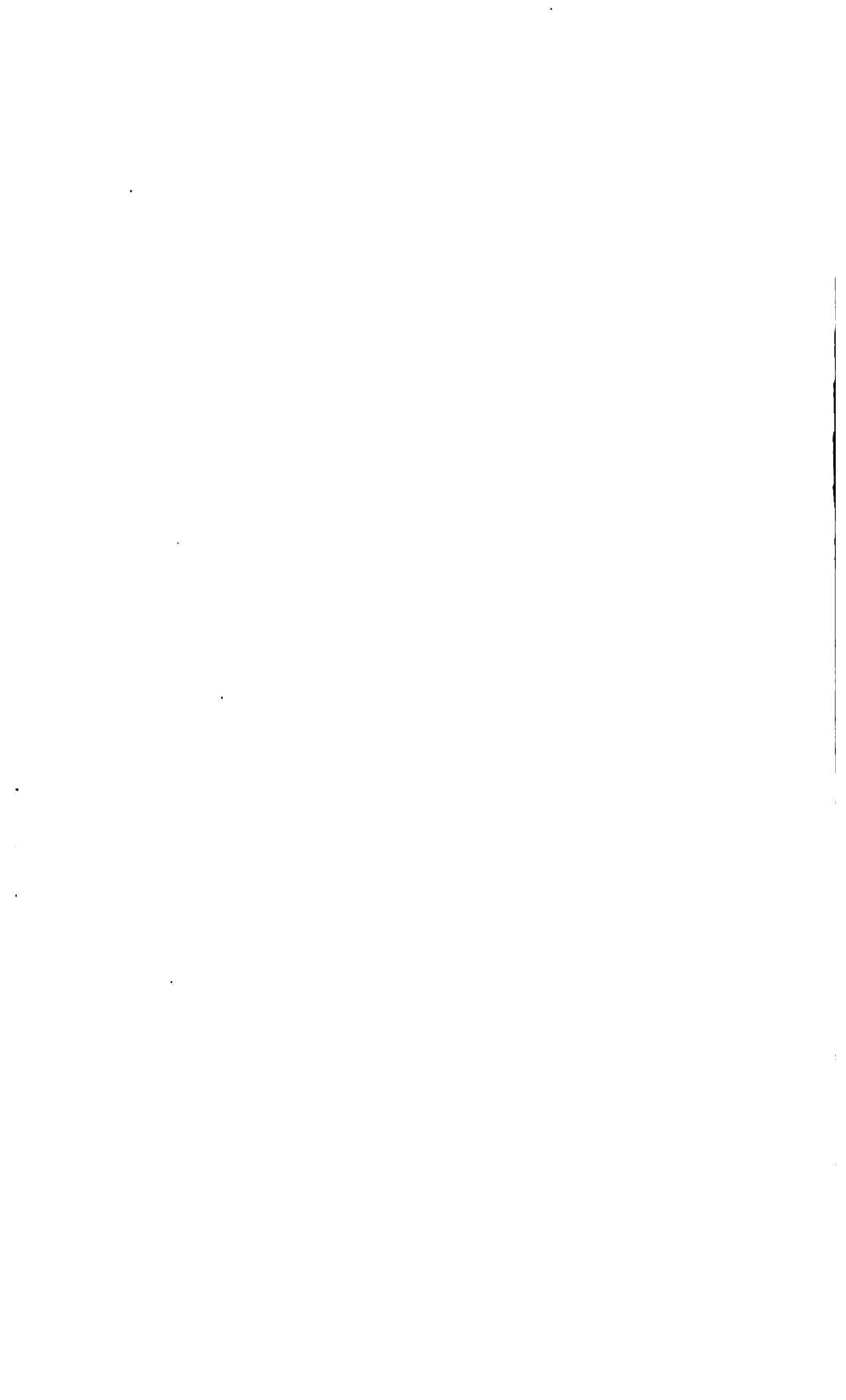


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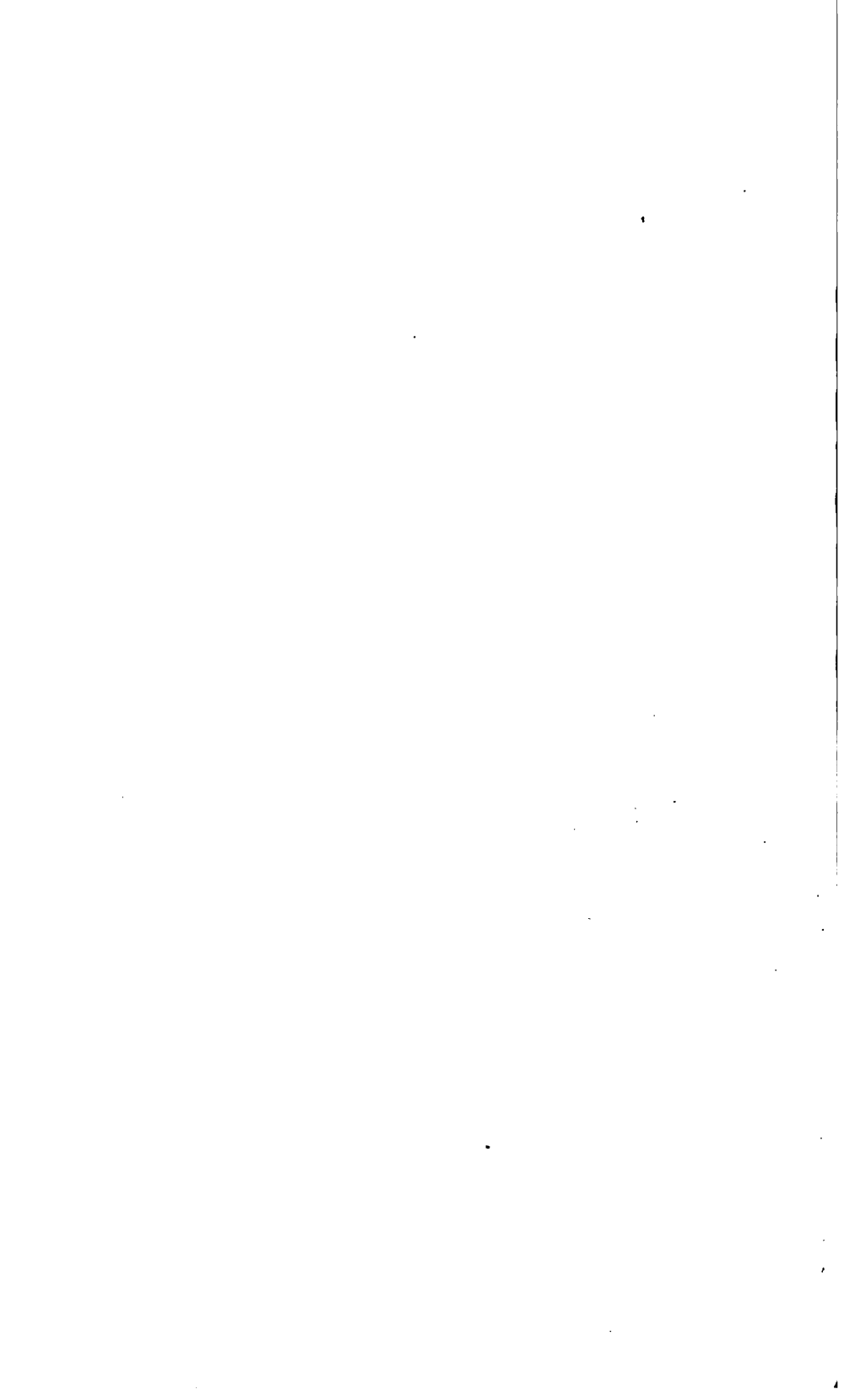


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**A MANUAL OF BRITISH
HISTORIANS.**





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TO A.D. 1600

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CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF
THE EARLY CHRONICLERS AND
MONKISH WRITERS THEIR
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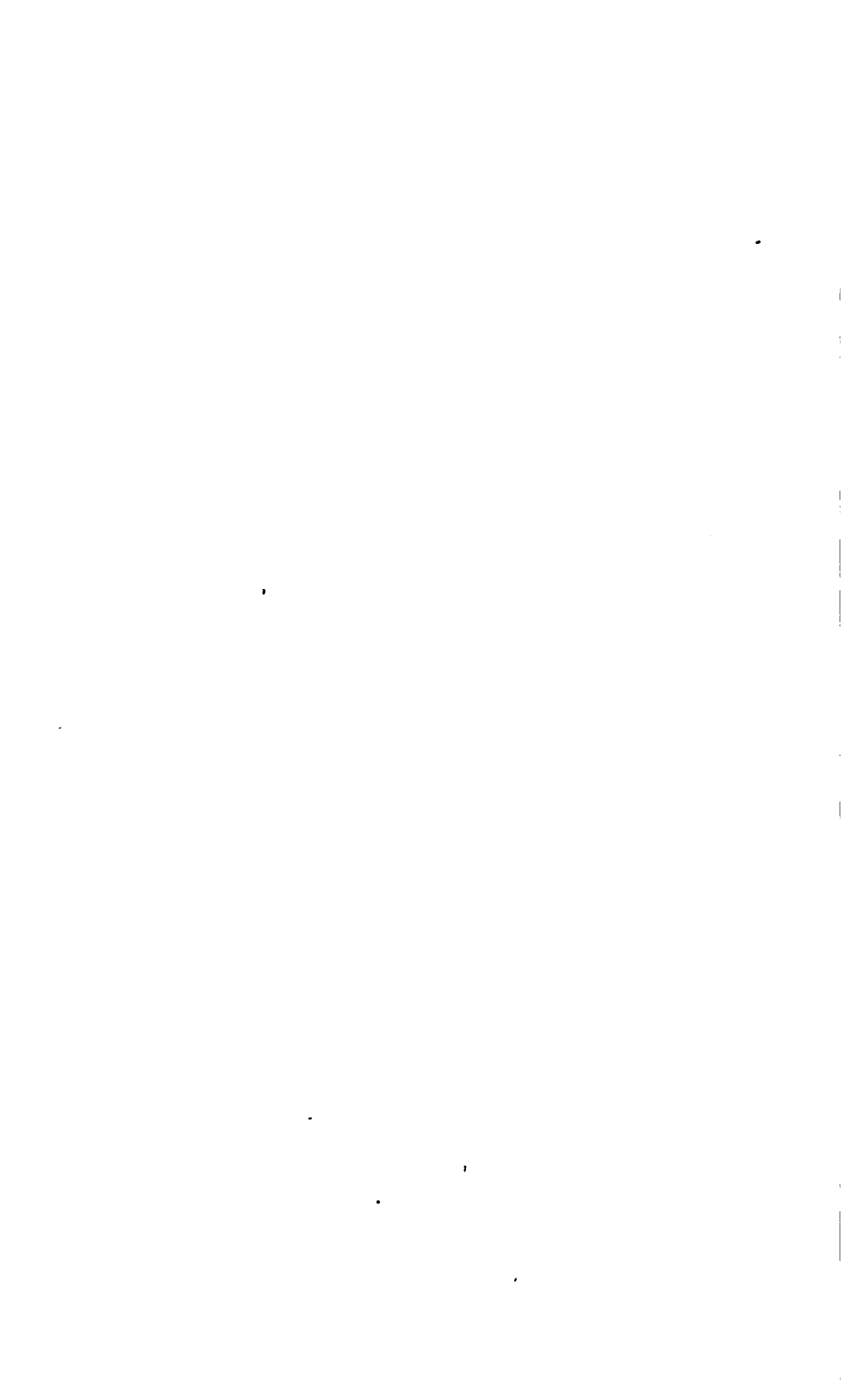
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PREFACE.

IN drawing up a Manual of the early English Historians, the Compiler believes he has endeavoured to supply a want in bibliographical literature which has been often felt. It is true that catalogues similar in idea, though not in execution, have been before published, but the generality of them, such as Joscelin's very brief account published by Hearne with Robert of Avesbury, Hearne's own list in his "Ductor Historicus," and Vossius' book "De Historicis Latinis,"* besides furnishing but

* Bishop Nicolson's Historical Libraries do not come within this class, as they consist more of critical accounts of the merits and demerits of the respective historians than of what is here attempted to be given.

short notices, are now of course extremely defective and unsatisfactory ; as in the length of time which has elapsed since their publication, much additional information has been discovered, and our stock of printed historians greatly enlarged. And although in 1829 Mr. Stace published a catalogue of historical writers, yet it was *merely* a catalogue, giving nothing but the titles and dates of the works, and those often very inaccurately. This being the case, a brief biographical account of all historians of any note, with lists of the editions of their works, such as is here offered, the Compiler trusts may not prove unacceptable. And while he is far from thinking that no errors or imperfections will be discovered in it, yet he hopes it will be found to be, on the whole, accurate and complete ; at any rate he can say that he has spared no pains to render it so. It will be seen that the references to MSS. are only given where the books have not been printed, and such of these as have no

references to MSS. are not known to be extant. All monastic and local chronicles have been omitted, with the exception of two, as the compilation has been confined to national histories; the two in regard to which the exception has been made, are Ingulph, and the Chronicle of London, because much of the general history of the kingdom is contained in them. Froissart, Titus Forojulienfis, Polydore Vergil, &c. have been omitted as being foreigners, together with works like John Twyne's "*De rebus Albionis commentarii*," because, although of an historical nature, they cannot be called histories.

Should this attempt meet with approval, a continuation, bringing the work down to a later period, may perhaps follow at some future time.

In conclusion, the Compiler has to acknowledge his obligations to the Rev. H. O. Coxe, M. A. Sub-librarian of the Bodleian, for his kind assistance in many cases; to J. O. Halli-

well, Esq. F.R.S. for information on several points; to the Rev. the President of St. Mary Magdalene College, for permission to consult several MSS. in the College Library; and to the Rev. George Riggs, M.A. for the same permission with regard to Queen's College.

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following Works have been con-
sulted, besides the best editions
of most of the Historians.



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ILDAS BADONICUS was a monk of Bangor. In Mr. Douce's copy of Tanner in the Bodleian, there is the following note in Ritson's hand-writing on the numerous furnames given to Gildas.

- “ 1. Gildas was called *Albanus*, from his being born in *Albany*, now Scotland.
2. *Aldanus*, a nonentity, forged by T. Dempster.
3. *Badonicus*, from his haveing mentioned the battle of Badon, or being born in that year.
4. *Cambrius*, as being a Briton.
5. *Hibernus*, as sometime refideing in Ireland.
6. *Quartus*, from an absurd fancy that there were three of y^e name before him.
7. *Sapiens*, from his writeings, real or imaginary.

“ There are no less than five Gildases made out of one, each of whom is the author of books that never existed. There was, however, an obscure writer of this name who dedicated a book *De Computo* (extant

in the Cotton Library*) to Rabanus Maurus about the year 820, and should have been distinguished by Tanner from all the rest, as Bale and Leyland, it is certain, knew nothing at all of the *Liber de Computo*." "*Epistola de excidio et conquestu Britanniae*." It was first published by Polydore Vergil, 8vo. Lond. 1525; the other editions are, 8vo. Augsb. 1534; Bas. 1541; 8vo. Lond. (printed by J. Daye) 1563; edited by John Joffeline, 12mo. Lond. (by J. Daye) 1568; 12mo. Bas. 1568; 12mo. Par. 1576; and edited by Jos. Stevenson, (publ. by the English Historical Society) 8vo. Lond. 1838. It is also found in the following collections; p. 830 of "*Monumenta S. Patrum Orthodoxographa*," fol. Bas. 1569; in "*Rerum Britannicarum Scriptores vetustiores ac præcipui*," fol. Heidelb. 1587; p. 1. of Gale's "*Hist. Brit. Scriptt. xv.*;" in "*Britannicarum gentium Historiæ antiquæ Scriptores tres; Ricardus Corinensis, Gildas Badonicus, Nennius Banchorensis, recens. Car. Bertramus*," 8vo. Havniæ, 1757; in the Record Commission's "*Materials for the History of Britain*," edited by Mr. Petrie, not yet published; in various editions of the Fathers; and part is in Leland's "*Collectanea*" vol. III. pp. 61-72. The translations are by Th. Habington, 8vo. Lond. 1638; 12mo. Lond. 1641; 12mo. Lond. 1652; and by Rev^d. J. A. Giles, D.C.L. 8vo. Lond. 1841. *Nat. 520, ob. circ. 570.*

* Vitellius. A. XII.

NENNIUS, Abbot of Bangor. Conflicting dates, varying from 796 to 994, are given by different Manuscripts as those of the compilation of the history which is generally ascribed (though, as it appears from Stevenfon's preface to his edition, without good grounds) to Nennius, but Pits, Bale, Cave, Tanner, Vossius, and Gale agree in fixing 620 as the time at which he lived. "*Eulogium Britanniae, five Historia Britonum*," to King Arthur. With an English version and notes by the Rev^d. W. Gunn, B.D. 8vo. Lond. 1819; edited by Jos. Stevenfon (publ. by the Eng. Hist. Soc.) 8vo. Lond. 1838; in Gale's "*Historiæ Britannicæ Scriptores xv*," pp. 93-139; in the Record Commission's "*Materials for the History of Britain*," not yet published; and in "*Britannicarum gentium Historiæ antiquæ Scriptores tres*," *ut supra*. Translated by Rev^d. J. A. Giles, D.C.L. together with *Gildas*, *ut supra*.

Fl. 620.

TYSILIO. Saint Tyfilio was the son of Brochwel, Prince of Powys, who commanded the Britons at the battle of Bangor, where they were defeated, and the monks of the monastery there massacred by the Saxons. He was a Bishop, but of what see is not known; his commemoration-day was the 9th of

November. The history which Geoffrey of Monmouth translated (very incorrectly, as it appears from the "Cambrian Register," vol. i. p. 348, *et seq.* 8vo. Lond. 1796) from Welsh into Latin is attributed to him. It is printed in vol. ii. (pp. 81-390) of Owen's "Myvyrian Archaiology of Wales," 3 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1801-7. A translation into English was published by the Rev^d. Peter Roberts A.M. 4to. Lond. 1811. Tyfilio is also said to have written an Ecclesiastical History of Britain.

Fl. 660-680.



BED E. The Venerable Bede was a monk of Monk-wearmouth in Durham. John of Peterborough places his birth in the year 677. "*Historia Ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum.*" The complete editions of his works are in 8 vols. fol. Bas. 1563; Col. Agr. 1612 and 1688; and, edited by the Rev^d. J. A. Giles, D.C.L. now in course of publication. Six volumes have been published, containing his miscellaneous works in Latin, with his life and Historical works in English, and six more, containing his Theological Commentaries in Latin are to follow. The editions of the History alone are fol. Argent. about 1473 (printed by Hen. Eggesteyn); together with Eusebius fol. Spire, 1490; again with Eusebius, fol. Argent. 1500, and alone, 1506, and with Eusebius, 1514; fol. Antv. 1550; 12mo. Lovan. 1566 (two editions

in the same year); p. 351 of Renatus Laurentius' "Hiftoria Christiana veterum Patrum," fol. Par. 1583; in "Rerum Britannicarum Scriptores vetustiores ac præcipui" edited by Jerome Commelinus, fol. Heidelb. 1587; 12mo Heidelb. 1587; 12mo. Col. Agr. 1601; edited by Abr. Wheloc, fol. Cantab. 1643; ed. by Chifflet, 4to. Par. 1681; ed. by John Smith, fol Cant. 1722; by Jos. Stevenson (publ. by the Eng. Hist. Soc.) 8vo. Lond. 1838; and in the Record Commission's "Materials for the History of Britain," not yet published. Some short extracts are in Leland's "Collectanea," vol. iii. pp. 118-157. The translations are, into Anglo-Saxon by King Alfred in the editions of Wheloc and Smith, *ut supra*; into English, by J. Stapleton, 4to. Antw. 1565, and, 8vo. St. Omer's, 1622; by John Stevens, 8vo. Lond. 1723; by the Rev^d. W^m. Hurst, 8vo. Lond. 1814; and Stevens' translation revised by the Rev^d. J. A. Giles, D.C.L. 8vo. Lond. 1840. "*De temporibus, sive de sex ætatibus hujus seculi liber*," from the creation to A. D. 724. 4to. Venet. 1505; 4to. Paris, 1507; with Bede's "Opuscula," continued by John Bronchorstius to 1527, fol. Colon. 1537; in Stevenson's ed. of Bede's "Opp. Hist. Minora," (publ. by the Eng. Hist. Soc.) 8vo. Lond. 1841; pp. 1-33 of Smith's ed. of the Eccl. Hist.; and in the Record Commission's unpublished "Materials for the History of Britain."

Nat. 672, *ob.* 735.



ASSER. John Asser was a Monk of a Benedictine monastery at St. David's, and afterwards Bishop of Sherburne. The Saxon Chronicle places his death in 910. "*Ælfredi Regis res gestæ*," from 849 to 888. Publ. by Archbp. Parker in Anglo-Saxon characters though in Latin, fol. Lond. 1574; by Camden, p. 1, of his "*Anglica*," &c.; by the Rev. Francis Wise, Librarian of the Bodleian, 8vo. Oxford, 1722; and it is in the Record Commission's unpublished "*Materials for the History of Britain*." Two short extracts are printed in vol. ii. (fol. Par. 1636) of Du Chefne's "*Historiæ Francorum Scriptores*," pp. 221-222, and 497-498. Another work, "*Chronicon fani Sancti Neoti*," (so called from its having been discovered in the Monastery of Saint Neot's) is also by some attributed to Asser. It extends from the invasion of Julius Cæsar to A. D. 914 (a few lines of continuation from 909 being added by some other writer), and is in Gale's "*Hist. Brit. Scriptores xv*," and a few passages extracted from it are in Leland's "*Collectanea*," vol. iii. pp. 214-219. *Ob.* 909.



MARIANUS SCOTUS at the age of twenty-four went to Germany, where he was first a Monk at Cologne, afterwards at the Abbey of Fulda, and

lastly, at Mayence. "*Chronicon universale a creatione mundi, libris tribus, per ætates sex, usque ad annum Christi 1083*," continued to the year 1200 by Dodechin, Abbot of Saint-Denis, in the diocese of Treves. Fol. Bas. 1559; p. 266, vol. i. of "*Rerum Germanicarum Scriptores*," edente J. Pistorio," fol. Franc. 1601;* and p. 441, vol. i. of the same collection, edited by B. G. Struvius, fol. Ratibon, 1723. A few short extracts are in Leland's "*Collectanea*," vol. iii. pp. 276-289. *Nat.* 1028, *ob.* 1086.



TIGERNACH was Abbot of Cloyne. He wrote "*Annales Hibernici*," from B.C. 305 to the year of his death. They are printed pp. 1-314, vol. ii. of O'Connor's "*Rerum Hibernicarum Scriptores*."

Ob. 1088.



THELWERD. His "*Chronicon*" is printed p. 830 of Savile's "*Rerum Anglicarum Scriptores*," and in the Record Commission's unpublished "*Materials for the History of Britain*." He is called Patricius to distinguish him from two others of the same name. They were all of the blood-royal.

Fl. 1090. [*according to Cave, 980.*]

* This edition contains only the German part of the history, all relating to England being omitted.



NGULPH was born in London, and educated at Oxford. He passed over in 1051 to Normandy, where he succeeded in obtaining the favour of Duke William. In 1064 he made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land; and at his return entered into the monastery of Fontenelle in Normandy, of which he was chosen prior: but in 1075 he was summoned into England by William, who made him Abbot of Croyland, which he rebuilt, and for which he obtained several privileges. His "*Historia Croylandensis*" from 664 to 1091, is published in Savile's "*Rerum Anglicarum Scriptores*" (pp. 850-914), and with a continuation to 1118 by Peter of Blois, Archdeacon of Bath, and afterwards of London, in Fulman's "*Scriptores*" pp. 1-132. Another and an anonymous continuation to 1486 is in the same vol. pp. 451-593. *Nat.* 1030, *ob.* 1109.



URGOT, originally a Benedictine Monk of Durham, was consecrated Bishop of Saint Andrew's in 1109. I. "*De Regibus Scotorum*." II. "*Annales sui temporis*." III. "*De vita Malcolmi Regis*." IV. "*De vita Margaritæ Regine*." This was burnt to a cinder in the fire at Ashburnham House, in 1731, and the remains of the MS., which contained lives of many

saints are kept in a case, Cotton, Tiberius, D. iii.

Ob. 1115.



FLORENCE of Worcester, surnamed Bavonius, was a Benedictine monk of that city. 1119 is the date generally given of his death, but Walter of Coventry states it to have taken place in 1118. "*Chronicon ex Chronicis*," to 1118, continued by a monk of the same monastery to 1141. 4to. Lond. 1592, and in the "*Materials for the History of Britain*," printed, but not yet published, by the Record Commission; and with *Matthew of Westminster*, q. v.

Ob. 1118.



EADMER was a Benedictine of Canterbury. In 1120 he was elected bishop of St. Andrew's, at the desire of Alexander I. of Scotland, but resigned his see in 1121 because he refused to be consecrated by any other than the Archbishop of Canterbury, who, as the King maintained, had no authority in Scotland. "*Historia Novorum, sive sui seculi libri sex*," from 959 to 1122. Ed. by J. Selden, fol. Lond. 1623, and p. 27 of Eadmer's works subjoined to "*S. Anselmi opera*," fol. Par. 1675, and 1721, and fol. Ven. 1744. A few lines are in vol. iii. of Leland's "*Collectanea*," pp. 220-223.

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Ob. 1124.



LURED, Alfred, or Alred, was Canon and Treasurer of Beverley Church. Vossius places his death in 1126, but Pits about 1136. "*Annales, sive Historia de gestis Regum Britanniae.*" Edited by Th. Hearne, 8vo. Oxon. 1716. Brief extracts are to be found in Leland's "Collectanea," vol. iii. pp. 223-229. *Ob.* 1126 or 1136.



IMEON of Durham, a Benedictine of that city. "*De gestis Regum Anglorum ab anno 616 usque ad an. 1130, cum continuatione usque ad 1156 per Joannem priorem Hagustaldensem.*" In Twysden's "Historiæ Anglicanæ Scriptores x," and in the Record Commission's unpublished "Materials for the History of Britain." A few pages of extracts are in Leland's "Collectanea," vol. iii. pp. 348-356. *Fl.* 1130.



ILLIAM of Malmesbury, a Benedictine monk there. Bale places his death in 1142, but Pits and Cave in 1143. "*De gestis Regum Anglorum,*" and "*Historiæ Novellæ.*" The former work extends from the first invasion of Britain by the Saxons, to 1127; the latter from 1127 to 1143. Edited by T. D. Hardy (publ. by the Eng. Hist. Soc.), 8vo.

Lond. 1840; and in Savile's "Rerum Anglicarum Scriptores," (p. 5.) Extracts from both the works are to be found in Leland's "Collectanea," vol. i. pp. 136-151, and vol. iii. pp. 234-243. Translated by the Rev. John Sharpe, 4to. Lond. 1815.

Ob. 1143.



ORDERICUS VITALIS was the son of Odelinus, chief counsellor of Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury. At the age of ten he was sent to the monastery of St. Ercole in Normandy, and at thirty-three was ordained Priest. "*Historiæ Ecclesiasticæ libri xiii, in tres partes divisi, quarum postremæ duæ res per Normannos in Francia, Anglia, Sicilia, Apulia, Calabria, Palestina, pie strenueque gestas ab adventu Rollonis usque ad an. Chr. 1124 complectuntur.*" Published in Du Chesne's "Historiæ Normannorum Scriptores antiqui," (p. 319) fol. Lut. Par. 1619; and edited by Aug. le Prevost, publ. by the Historical Society of France, vols. 1, 2, 8vo. Par. 1838-40. A small part of the history, namely, from 1066 to 1070 is printed p. 173 of Baron Francis Maseres' extracts from Du Chesne's collection, entitled "Historiæ Anglicanæ circa tempus conquestûs Angliæ selecta monumenta," 4to. Lond. 1807.

Nat. 1075, *ob.* post 1143.



GEOFFREY of Monmouth, (Lat. Galfredus Monumetensis) Archdeacon of Monmouth, and afterwards Bishop of St. Asaph. "*Britanniæ utriusque Regum et Principum origo et gesta*," translated from a copy of Tyfilio's Welsh history, brought out of Britany, by Walter [Calenius], Archdeacon of Oxford. 4to. Par. (by Badius Ascensius) 1508, and 1517; and in Commelinus' "*Rerum Britannicarum Scriptores vetustiores ac præcipui*," fol. Heidelb. 1587. Some passages from Geoffrey are in Leland's "*Collectanea*," vol. iii. pp. 17-43, and a part of a Welsh version of his history, with an English translation is in vols. i. and ii. of the "*Cambrian Register*," 8vo. Lond. 1796-99. Translated by Aaron Thompson, of Queen's Coll. Oxf. 8vo. Lond. 1718, and (revised by Rev^d. J. A. Giles, D.C.L.) 8vo. Lond. 1842.

Fl. 1152.



HENRY of Huntingdon, Canon of Lincoln, and Archdeacon of Huntingdon. "*De rebus gestis Regum Angliæ libri octo*," from Julius Cæsar to the death of K. Stephen. In Savile's "*Rerum Anglicarum Scriptores*" (p. 297); and in the Record Commission's unpublished "*Materials for the History of Britain*;" and a few extracts are in Leland's "*Collectanea*," vol. i. pp. 189-199, and vol. iii. pp. 289-306.

Fl. 1154.



ARADOC of Lhancarvan. The original of his history, called "*Brut y Tywyfogion*," from 680, is in vol. ii. (pp. 391-582) of Owen's "*Myvyrian Archaeology of Wales*," 3 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1801-7, and in the Record Commission's "*Materials for the History of Britain*," not yet published. The translation is entitled "*The Historie of Cambria, now called Wales, a part of the most famous yland of Brytaine, written in the Brytish language aboute two hundreth (sic) yeares past; translated into English by H(umphrey) Lhoyd, gentleman, corrected, augmented, and continued (from 1156 to 1282) by David Powel, D.D.*" 4to. Lond. (by R. Newberie and H. Denham) 1584; newly augmented by W. Wynne, 8vo. Lond. 1697, and 1702; 8vo. Lond. 1774; 4to. Lond. 1811. A translation also accompanies the original in the edition printed by the Record Commission. Ob. 1156.



ICHARD of Hexham, (Lat. Ricardus Hagustaldensis) was Prior of the Augustine Monastery there. Bale, Cave, and Selden in his Preface to Twysden's "*Decem Scriptores*," say that he died about 1190, but Dugdale (*Mon.* vol. vi. p. 180) places him before 1170, about which year John occurs as Prior

of Hexham. I. "*De gestis Regis Stephani et bello Standardii.*" It is in Twyſden's "*Hiſtoriæ Anglicanæ Scriptores x.*" II. "*Gesta Regis Henrici 2.*" Tanner alſo aſcribes to him, a hiſtory called "*Chronica brevis a principio mundi ad Henricum V. imperatorem,*" which is in Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. (No. cxxxix) but in the "Catalogus MSS. Angl. et Hib." it is ſaid to be "*Chronica Adonis.*"

Fl. circ. 1160.



ALRED, or Ailred, Abbot, not of Revesby in Lincolnſhire, as ſometimes ſtated, but, according to Dugdale, of Rievaulx in Yorkſhire. I. "*Vita Regis Edwardi Confefforis.*" In Twyſden's "*Hiſtoriæ Anglicanæ Scriptores x.*;" p. 293, vol. i. Jan. 5. of Bollandus' "*Acta Sanctorum,*" fol. Antw. 1643; in Surius' "*Vitæ Sanctorum,*" fol. 6 vols. Col. 1570-7, 7 vols. 1576-81, and laſtly, 12 vols. 1618; and f. 109 of Capgrave's "*Nova Legenda Anglie,*" fol. Lond. (printed by Wynkyn de Worde) 1516. II. "*De vita Davidis (I) Scotorum Regis.*" III. "*Genealogia Regum Anglorum,*" from Ethelwulph the father of Alfred, to Harold. IV. "*De Bello Standardii.*" All theſe are alſo in Twyſden, and there are a few extracts in Leland's "*Collectanea,*" vol. iii. pp. 307-311.

Nat. 1109, ob. 1166.



JOHN of Hexham, (Lat. Johannes Haguftaldensis), was Prior of the Auguftine monastery there. "*Historia viginti quinque annorum*;" a continuation of *Simeon* of Durham, q. v. *Fl.* 1170.



MAURICE REGAN was Secretary and Interpreter to Dermot Mac-Murrough, King of Leinfter. He wrote a history of Ireland in Irifh, of which only a fragment from 1167 to 1173 remains. It was firft tranflated into French verfe, and from that into Englifh by George Carew, Earl of Totnefs, which tranflation was printed by Walter Harris, pp. 1-22 of his "*Hibernica: or fome antient pieces relating to Ireland*," fol. Dubl. 1757, and 8vo. 1770. There is a MS. which differs from the printed copy in the Duke of Buckingham's library at Stowe, but Dr. O'Connor, in his Cat. of the MSS. there (vol. i. pp. 207-11, 4to. Buckingham, 1818), difputes its authorfhip, concluding from various inaccuracies that the writer was not an Irifhman. *Fl.* 1173.



RICHARD of Devizes, a Benedictine Monk of Winchefter. Dr. Gale fupposed that he and Richard the Canon (vide p. 17), were the fame. His

works are, 1. "*Tempora Regis Ricardi I.*" II. "*Epitomen rerum Britannicarum*," extending from Brute to Stephen. The former was publ. by the Eng. Hist. Soc. edited by Jos. Stevenson, 8vo. Lond. 1838, and, translated (with Richard of Cirencester's Description of Britain) by Rev^d. J. A. Giles, D.C.L. 8vo. Lond. 1841. The latter is in the library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, (No. cccxxxix) and James MS. 17 in the Bodleian contains some extracts from it. *Fl.* 1191.



BENEDICT of Peterborough, made Benedictine Abbot there in 1177, after having been Prior at Canterbury. Hearne says* respecting the date of his death, which neither Bale, Cave, Pits, Vossius, nor Leland give, "E vita emigravit, ævi maturus A.D. MCXCIV, vel, ut Swafhamus, antiquæ fidei historicus, die S. Michaëlis, A.D. MCXCIII." "*De vita et gestis Henrici II et Ricardi I.*" Edited by Th. Hearne, 2 vols. 8vo. Oxford, 1735. *Ob.* 1193.



JOHN Brompton, a Cistercian, was Abbot of Joreval or Jorvaulx in Yorkshire. He wrote a Chronicle from the coming of Augustine, in 588, to 1284, which

* Pref. to his edition, p. xxi.

is in Twysden's "Decem Scriptores."

Fl. 1198.



JOHN of Oxford, Bishop of Chichester, and afterwards of Norwich. "*Historia Regum Britanniae*." *Ob.* 1200.



COLMAN the Wise. Pits says that he wrote a history entitled "*Rerum gestarum chronicon*," and thus speaks of him—"Suo tempore historicus non contemnendus, annorum accuratus examinatus, veridicus rerum scriptor, ut in suis chronicis testatur Joannes Hardingus, qui et ejus testimonia magni facit, et veracissima reputat." (p. 266.) It appears that Pits had seen his history, for he also says, "Colmannus cognomento Sapiens, natione Anglus, patriæ Occidentalis Saxo, uti *ex ipso auctore* et Joanne Lelando colligo." He is likewise mentioned by Baker in the list of authorities prefixed to his history.

Fl. 1200.



RICHARD the Canon was Canon of the Augustine monastery of Ch. Ch. or the Holy Trinity, London. The "*Itinerarium Regis Ricardi I*," which Gale

published under the name of Geoffrey de *Vinesauf*, (q. v.) is by some ascribed to Richard.

Fl. 1200.



GERVASE of Canterbury, (Lat. Gervasius Dorobernensis) a Benedictine there. "*Chronicon rerum in Anglia gestarum ab anno MCXXII ad MCXCIX.*" In Twyfsden's "Decem Scriptores," col. 1334.

Fl. 1200.



GEOFFREY de VINESAUF, or de Vino Salvo. I. "*Itinerarium Regis Anglorum Richardi et aliorum in terram Hierosolymorum.*" This is printed pp. 237-433 of Gale's "*Historiæ Anglic. Scriptt. quinque.*" Part also is given anonymously pp. 1150-1172, vol. i. of Jac. Bongars' "*Gesta Dei per Francos, five orientalium expeditionum et regni Francorum Hierosolimitani historia,*" fol. Hanov. 1611. II. "*Historia captionis Damietæ*" in 1218-19. This is with the preceding in Gale, pp. 435-452.

Fl. 1200.



ROGER de HOVEDEN, born at York of noble parents, was chaplain to Henry II. "*Annales*" from 731 to 1202. Printed p. 401 of Savile's "*Rerum*

Anglicarum Scriptores." There are some extracts at pp. 123-136 vol. I. and pp. 171-212 vol. III. of Leland's "Collectanea." *Fl.* 1204.



WILLIAM of Newbury. William Little, or William of Newbury, was an Augustine Canon in a monastery there. The date of his death is uncertain, but Cave says (*Hist. Lit.* part I. p. 691), "Obiit, ut volunt nonnulli, anno 1208 ætatis 72." "*Historia a Normannorum in Angliam ingressu usque ad annum 1197.*" 8vo. Ant. 1567; in Commelinus' "*Rerum Britannicarum scriptores vetustiores ac præcipui*," fol. Heidelb. 1587; edited by John Picard, 8vo. Par. 1610; 8vo. Paris 1632; and, edited by Th. Hearne, with the notes of Picard, &c. 3 vols. 8vo. Oxford, 1719. A few brief notices taken from it are printed pp. 226-230 vol. I. of Leland's "Collectanea." *Nat.* 1136, *ob. circ.* 1208.



RALPH de DICETO, Archdeacon of Middlesex about 1160, and Dean of St. Paul's London in 1183. I. "*Abbreviationes Chronicorum ab initio mundi ad 1147.*" The latter part, from the time of Pope Gregory the Great, is in Twyfsden's "*Decem Scriptores.*" II. "*Imagines Historiarum*," from 1148 to

1200. Also in Twysden. III. "*Historia compendiosa de regibus Britonum a Bruto ad Cadwalladrum.*" In Gale's "*Historiæ Britannicæ Scriptores xv.*" p. 553. IV. "*Continuationes Roberti de Monte,*" to 1200, continued in another hand to 1215. MS. Bib. Reg. 13. E. vi. *Fl.* 1210.



JOHN WALLINGFORD was first a monk of St. Alban's, then prior of Wallingford, and, lastly, in 1195, Abbot of St. Alban's. "*Chronica,*" divided by Gale (who has printed the first part p. 525 *et seq.* of his "*Hist. Brit. Scriptt. xv.*") into two parts, the first extending from 449 to 1041, the second, from the Conquest to 1250, continued, as is supposed, by Roger of Wendover. There is a MS. in the Cottonian collection, Julius, D. vii. *Ob.* 1214.



JOHN PIKE. He wrote a history which he called "*Suppletio historiæ Regum Angliæ quantum ad Reges Saxonum, Danorum, et Normannorum,*" extending to the death of King John. It is amongst the Arundel MSS. in the Brit. Mus. No. 220, and Harl. MS. 685, and continued to 1322, Cotton. Jul. D. vi. *Fl.* 1216.



ALPH NIGER, a native of Suffolk, being an adherent of Thomas a Becket, had his goods confiscated, and was himself banished by Henry II. I. "*Chronicon*

succinctum de vitis imperatorum et tam Franciæ quam Angliæ Regum, a Christo incarnato usque ad annum 1206." MS. Bib. Reg. 13 A. xii. II. "*Chronicon a condito mundi*" to 1161. Continued to 1178, Cotton. Vespasian D. x; to 1192, Cleop. C. x; and to 1168 by Ralph of Coggeshal, in Heralds' Coll. n. xi. III. "*De Regibus Angliæ a Gulielmo primo.*" IV. "*Initia Regis Henrici tertii.*" Fl. 1217.



ALTER of Coventry, a Benedictine monk of that city. I. "*Chronicon Britonum.*" II. "*Anglo-Saxonum chronicon.*" III. "*Annales Angliæ vel Me-*

moriale," to 1225. The first is in Bodl. MS. 355; and the three are in Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. No. 175, and, to 1152, No. 110, and (copied from the Camb. MS.) Harl. 689. James MSS. 17 and 18 in the Bodleian contain some extracts from the "*Annales,*" and some are printed pp. 284-296, vol. I, and pp. 315-323, vol. III. of Leland's "*Collectanea.*" Hearne says in a letter to Harley, Earl of Oxford, when returning a transcript of the Corp. Chr. Coll. MS. which he had lent him, "The said

MS. consists of 4 parts. The first part contains an abridgment of the British & Saxon History, but 'tis of less authority than a MS. I formerly saw of that part, in which was an account of Edmund Ironside's legitimacy, which does not appear in your Lordship's MS. The second part is Marianus Scotus. The 3rd Roger Hoveden. And the 4th is a continuation of Hoveden by Walter Coventre himself." (MS. Diary in Bibl. Bodl. vol. 122, pp. 139, 140.) This continuation from 1202 to 1225, copied by Hearne, is in Bodl. MS. Rawl. B. 183.

Fl. 1217.



ERVASE of Tilbury, nephew of Henry II, was Constable (or Marshal) of Arles. His work "*Otia imperialia*," dedicated to the Emperor Otho IV, contains a variety of geographical descriptions, notices of Biblical History, Natural History, &c. and short accounts "*De regno Britonum*," from Brute, "*De regno Francorum*" from Clodovic to Philip Augustus, 1180, and "*De regibus Anglorum*" to King John. It is printed in vol. I. (pp. 881-1004) of "*Scriptores rerum Brunsvicensium, curâ Godefridi Guil. Leibnitii*," 3 vols. fol. Hanov. 1707-1711, and the two pieces "*De regibus Francorum et Anglorum*," are in vol. III. (pp. 363-373) of Du Chesne's "*Historiæ Francorum Scriptores coætanei*," 4 vols. fol. Paris. 1636-41.

Ob. circ. 1218.



ALEXANDER of Effeby, Augustine
Prior of Canons' Ashby, Northampton-
shire. (Dugdale's Mon. vol. vi. p.
442.) "*Historiæ Britannicæ epitomen*,"

to 1255. In Corp. Ch. Coll. Camb. cxxxviii.

Fl. circ. 1220.



GIRALDUS Cambrensis. Sylvester Gi-
raldus de Barri Cambrensis was first
Archdeacon of Brecknock, afterwards
of St. David's,* and then Bishop of that

see, which he resigned in 1203. The following are
his historical works: I. "*Expugnatio Hiberniæ, sive
Historia vaticinalis*," from 1170 to 1187. This is
printed p. 755 of Camden's "*Anglica &c. a veteri-
bus scripta*," and, translated by John Hooker, alias,
Vowal, of Exeter, in *Holinshed's* Chronicles of En-
gland, Ireland, and Scotland, q. v. II. "*Acta Regis
Johannis*." Tanner, referring to Ware, says that the
two works "*Chronicon Anglorum*" and "*De regibus
Wisi-Saxonum*" are erroneously attributed to Giral-
dus; his words are, "*hi duo male Giraldo tribuun-
tur, et error haustus est e prima Balei editione, sed
in secunda non inveniuntur*."

Nat. circ. 1146, *ob.* 1223.

* So Le Neve and Ware, differing from Tanner.



RALPH of Coggeshal was Abbot of the Cistercian Monastery there in Essex. He probably died soon after 1228, as he in that year resigned his abbacy on account of severe illness. I. "*Chronicon Anglicanum*," from 1066 to 1200. This is printed coll. 801-870. vol. v. of Martene and Durand's "*Vetrum Scriptorum Collectio*," fol. Paris, 1729. II. "*Libellus de motibus Anglicanis sub Johanne Rege*," from 1213 to 1216. In vol. v. (coll. 871-882) of Martene and Durand, *ut supra*. III. "*Chronicon Terra Sanctæ*," from 1187 to 1191. In the same vol. as the preceding, coll. 548-581. IV. "*Chronicon Breve, ab 1114 ad 1158*." MS. in Heralds' College, xi. *Ob. circ. 1228.*



ROGER of Wendover, a monk of St. Alban's, was afterwards Prior of Bealvair. "*Chronica, five Flores Historiarum*." Edited by the Rev. H. O. Coxe, M.A. (publ. by the Eng. Hist. Soc.) 4 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1841-2. The work is divided into two parts; the first extending from the Creation to the Incarnation, and the second from that time to 1235. Mr. Coxe has omitted the whole of the first part, as it is merely a compilation from the Bible, Josephus, Methodius, &c. having no relation to England;

and also the first 446 years of the second part, because there is very little in the narrative of that period on which reliance can be placed. Nicolson thinks that Matthew Paris and Matthew of Westminster copied largely from this author; so that "the main of what is published under both their names came from that hand." (p. 66.) See p. 26. *Ob.* 1236.



PETER HENHAM. He is supposed to have been a Benedictine monk. "*Chronicon Anglorum*," from Hengist to 1244. *Fl.* 1244.



JOHN CAMPBELL, born in Scotland; studied first at Paris, and afterwards at Bologna. Having returned to Scotland, he died there in the reign of Alexander III. which began in 1249 and ended in 1286. Boethius says he obtained Campbell's Scotch History, (which is now lost) from Icolmkill in 1525, and Baker mentions him in the list of his authorities. *Fl.* 1256.



ATTHEW PARIS, a Benedictine monk of St. Alban's. I. "*Historia Major, a Gulielmo Normanno usque ad 1259, libris octo.*" First published by Archbp. Parker, fol. Lond. (printed by Reynold Wolfe) 1571; fol. Zurich, 1589; fol. Zurich, 1606; with the "Additamenta," "Duorum Offarum, Merciorum Regum, et viginti trium Abbatum S. Albani vitæ," and the "Appendix" of William Rishanger, edited by Dr. W^m. Wats, fol. Lond. 1640; fol. Paris, 1644; fol. Lond. 1684. There are a few notices taken from this history in Leland's "Collectanea," vol. III. pp. 335-41. A French translation by A. Huillard-Breholles, with an introduction by the Duc de Luynes, was published at Paris in 9 vols. 8vo. 1840-1. All of Matthew Paris' work in the "Historia Major" before 1235, consists merely (as is proved by the Rev^d. H. O. Coxe in the 5th vol. of his ed. of Wendover, which is just about to be published) of various readings and additions to Roger of Wendover. II. "*Additamenta Chronicorum,*" from 1218 to 1258. In Wats' edition of the *Historia Major*, *ut supra*. III. "*Historia Minor, quæ est epitome Majoris.*" Bishop Nicolson says "the fairest copy of this book (supposed to be written by the author's own hand) is in the King's Library at St. James's," (p. 62.) now in the British Museum, 14, C. vii. There are also MSS. at Corp.

Chr. Coll. Camb. (No. 56) and from the year 1000 to 1255 in the Cottonian Collection, Claudius, D. vi.. The "Historia Minor" was made up out of the "Historia Major" by Paris, both from Wendover to 1235, and his own large additions after that period.

Ob. 1259.



JOHN de TAXTER, or Tayfter, a monk of Bury. "*Chronicon*" from the Creation to 1265. In the Cottonian Library Julius A. 1. and (to 1287) amongst the Norfolk MSS. in Heralds' College, No. 6.

Fl. 1267.



GLIAS of Trickingham was a Benedictine monk of Peterborough, or, according to Dr. Pegge, of Ramsey. "*Annales*" from 626 to 1269. Edited by Dr. Samuel Pegge, together with D^r. Th. Legh's and D^r. Rich. Layton's (Dean of York) visitation of Monasteries in the Province of York, Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, &c. in 1535, 4to. Lond. 1789.

Fl. 1270.



GLIAS of Evesham, a monk of the Benedictine order. "*Opus Chronicorum.*"

Fl. circ. 1270.



ENRY de SILEGRAVE. Elias of Trickingham in his annals, (p. 45) records the death of Henry de *Sulgrave*, Abbot of Ramsey, in 1268. "*Chronicon Anglie*," from the coming of the Saxons to Henry III. In the Cottonian Collection, Cleop. A. XII.

Fl. 1272.



PETER ICKHAM, or Yckham, born at Canterbury, was a student in the University of Paris. "*Compilatio de gestis Britonum et Anglorum*." It is in the Bodleian, Laud MS. 730; Cotton. Domitian III; Lambeth, 22; Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. 194, 339, and 427; Queen's Coll. Oxford, 41; Heralds' Coll. Arundel MS. 5; and copied by Wharton, Harl. MS. 4323. All the MSS. terminate at different years; the Bodl. at 1272, one at C. C. C. C. at 1283, the Cottonian at 1301, and the second Cambridge MS. at 1327, while that at Queen's Coll. is continued to 1377, the third at Camb. to 1429, that at Lambeth to 1465, with which Wharton's copy agrees, and that at Heralds' Coll. to 1471.

Fl. 1274.



THOMAS SPROTT, or Spott, a monk of St. Augustine's at Canterbury. "*Chronica*" from the Creation to 1272, continued to 1377. Published by Hearne, 8vo. Oxford, 1719. *Fl.* 1274.



ROBERT of Gloucester was a monk of that city. His "*Chronicle*," from Brute to 1271 is in English verse. It was published by Hearne, 2 vols. 8vo. Oxf. 1724; reprinted 2 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1810. There is a MS. in the Sloane collection (No. 2027) Brit. Mus. which differs from the printed copy. *Prob. circ.* 1280.



JOHN de OXENEDES was a Benedictine of Hulme Abbey, Norfolk. "*Chronicon ab adventu Saxonum ad* 1293." Cotton. Nero. D. II. *Fl.* 1293.



BARTHOLEMEW COTTON, a monk of Norwich. "*Historia Anglicana*" to 1298. There is a MS. in the Cottonian collection, Nero, C. v, and some extracts are to be found in James MS. 29 in the Bodleian. *Fl.* 1298.



THOMAS WIKES, (Lat. Thomas Wiccius, seu, Vicanus,) an Augustine Canon regular of Osney Abbey near Oxford. "*Chronica compendiosa ab 1066 ad 1304.*" Published in Gale's "Hist. Anglic. Scriptores quinque," pp. 21-128. Some brief extracts are printed in Leland's "Collectanea," vol. iii. pp. 414-420. *Fl.* 1304.



JOHN CASTORIUS, "qui etiam Fiber et vulgo Bever dicitur" (Pits. p. 390), a Benedictine monk of Westminster. "*Chronicon*" from Brute to 1306. Cotton. Vitellius, E. xvii, Harl. MS. 641, Trin. Coll. Oxf. 62, and (copied by Th. Hearne, and prepared by him for the press, from a MS. in the possession of Sir Symonds D'Ewes, now Harl. MS. 641) Bodl. Rawl. B. 185. The Cotton MS. was much injured in the fire of 1731. *Fl.* 1306.



METER LANGTOFT, or Longatofst, was an Augustine Canon regular of Bridlington in Yorkshire. He is thought by some to have been a Frenchman, but Pits and Hearne believe that we may claim him for one of our own historians. His Chronicle,

which was originally written in French, was translated by Robert de Brunne into English, verse. The translation alone is in print, but a French copy is in the Cottonian library, Julius, A. v. "*Chronicle from the death of Cadwallader (A. D. 688) to the end of King Edward the First's reign.*" Transcribed and published from a MS. in the Inner Temple Library by Th. Hearne, 2 vols. 8vo. Oxf. 1725; 2 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1810. He also wrote a Chronicle, likewise in French alexandrines, from Brute to Cadwallader, which is in the same Cottonian MS. with the original of the former, and in Lincoln Cathedral. *Prob. circ. 1308.*



WILLIAM RISHANGER was a Benedictine of St. Alban's, and Historiographer royal to Edward I. Bale's assertion that he "*flourished in 1312*, has been converted by Pits to died *about 1312*, and by Tanner that he died *in 1312*. But as Walsingham, who is not likely to have made an undue confession of his plagiarism, expressly states, under the year 1322, that the preceding portion of his chronicle is abridged from Rishanger, it is but fair to conclude that Rishanger's continuation of Paris ended in that year; and as there appears to be no alleged reason for an abrupt conclusion, the probability is, taking his advanced age into consideration, that he died in

that year, or very shortly afterwards."* His histories are, I. "*Opus Chronicorum*," extending from 1261 to 1293; Cotton. Claud. D. vi. II. "*Annales regni Edwardi I.*" Bib. Reg. 14 C. i. III. "*Appendix, seu continuatio Matthæi Paris*," from 1259 to 1322. No perfect copy is known, but there are imperfect MSS. in the Bodleian, MS. Bodl. 462, which extends to 1272; in the Royal Library, 14 C. vii, also to 1272; in the Cottonian collection, Faust. B. ix, to 1306, and Claud. E. iii, to 1297; and in Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. 56, to 1272. "The earlier part to A. D. 1272 has been printed by Wats at the end of his edition of Matthew Paris, and the remainder has partly found its way into the pages of Walsingham's Chronicle."† IV. "*De Bellis Lewes et Evesham*." Edited by J. O. Halliwell for the Camden Society, under the title of "The Chronicle of William de Rishanger of the Barons' Wars;" a collection of miracles attributed to Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, is subjoined. 4to. Lond. 1840. V. "*Annales regni Scotiæ*." This work treats "principally of the disputes relative to the Scottish crown in the reign of Edward I., and of that monarch's invasion of Scotland."‡ Cotton. Claud. D. vi. Nat. 1250, ob. circ. 1322.

* Halliwell's Introd. to his ed. of "The Barons' Wars," pp. vi, vii.

† Halliwell's Introd. p. x. ‡ Halliwell, Introd. p. xii.



ALPH BALDOC, educated at Merton College, was appointed in 1304, Bishop of London, and in 1307, Lord Chancellor. "*Historia Anglica*," from Brute to his own time. He is quoted by Stow in his Survey, and Leland says that he once saw his work in St. Paul's Cathedral. *Ob.* 1313.



STEPHEN EITON, or Eden, an Augustine Canon regular of Warter, in Yorkshire. "*Acta Regis Edwardi 2ndi.*" *Fl.* 1320.



WILLIAM SHEPESHEVED, or Sheepshead, a Monk of the Cistercian Abbey of Crokefdon, Staffordshire, wrote "*Annales de rebus Anglicis*," from 1066, continued by other monks to 1374. Cotton. Faust. B. vi. *Fl. circ.* 1320.



JOHN of London was a Monk of Canterbury. "*Chronica de rebus Anglicis a conquestu ad 1317*," written at the instance of Queen Margaret, wife of Edward I., to whom it is dedicated. It is amongst

the Arundel MSS. in Heralds' College, (No. 20); and some extracts are in James MS. 7. in the Bodleian. He is also said to have written a continuation of Gervase of Canterbury, to the time of Richard II., which is in Trin. Coll. Camb.; but it seems hardly possible that the same person who wrote a chronicle which he originally finished at 1307, and afterwards continued to 1317, should in 1377 write another history up to that time. In a MS. in the Bodleian (James 27), where there are some extracts from the latter work, the author is called *Jordan* of London. Fl. 1322.



SIR THOMAS DE LA MOORE was a knight of Gloucestershire. "*De vita et morte Edwardi II.*" This work was originally written in French, and was translated into Latin by Geoffrey Baker, Canon of Osney near Oxford. The translation is published in Camden's "*Anglica*," &c., and Bishop Nicolson says (p. 80) that this life "has been frequently publish'd in English by our general chroniclers."

Fl. 1326.



NICOLAS TRIVET, the son of Sir Thomas Trivet, Lord Chief Justice, was Prior of a Dominican monastery in London. I. "*Annales sex Regum An-*

glia," from Stephen to Edward I. Edited by Ant. Hall, 8vo. Oxf. 1719. They are also printed p. 411, vol. viii. of "Spicilegium, five collectio veterum aliquot Scriptorum, operâ D. Lucæ d' Achery," 13 vols. 4to. Par. 1665-77, and 3 vols. fol. Par. 1723, at p. 143 of vol. iii.; and a few passages from them are in vol. iii. of Leland's "Collectanea," pp. 326-329. A new edition is about to be printed from a MS. in Queen's College, Oxford, by the English Hist. Soc. under the editorship of Mr. T. Hog. II. "*Annalium continuatio*," to 1318. Publ. together with "Adami Murimuthensis Chronicon, cum ejusdem continuatione. Quibus accedunt Joannis Bostoni Speculum cœnobitarum, et Edmundi Boltoni Hypercritica. Ed. Ant. Hall." 8vo. Oxf. 1722. III. "*Les gestes des Apostoiles* (i. e. the Popes), *Empereurs, è Rois*," to 1313. There is a copy of this in Magd. Coll. Oxf. (No. 45), and Rawlinson, MS. B. 178, in the Bodl. and a short extract relating to St. Augustine's interview with Dinoch, Abbot of Bangor, is printed pp. 111-112, vol. i. of Spelman's "Concilia Pambritannica," &c. fol. Lond. 1639. Ob. 1328.



JOHN DE TROKELowe, or Tricklowe. Hearne thinks that he was a Monk of St. Alban's. "*Annales Edwardi 2ndi*." Published by Hearne,

together with Henry de Blanford's "Chronica de Treugis inter Scotos et Anglos," and "Edwardi 2ndi vita a monacho quodam Malmesburiensi." 8vo. Oxf. 1729. *Fl. circ. 1330.*



JOHN EVERISDEN, A Benedictine Monk and Cellarer of St. Edmundsbury. "*Series Temporum, sive Chronicon*," from the Creation to 1334. It is in the Heralds' College, (Arundel MS. 30,) and there are some extracts in James MS. 7, in the Bodleian. *Ob. circ. 1336.*



ROBERT DE BRUNNE, or Mannyng, translated *Peter Langtoft's Chronicle*, q. v. *Fl. 1338.*



ROGER of Chester, a Benedictine of St. Werburgh's in that city. I. "*Polycratica temporum, a mundi origine ad 1314.*" Harl. MSS. 1707 (to the commencement of the reign of Edward III.), 1728-9 (continued to 1398), and 1751 (to 1322); Cotton. Julius, E. viii.; Lambeth, 112 (to 1326); Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. 259. II. "*Additiones xxv. annorum.*" Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. 259. Higden is said to have copied largely from this author.

Fl. 1339.



JOHN of Peterborough, was Abbot of the Benedictine monastery there. "*Chronicon Angliæ*," from 654 to 1259, continued to 1368 by Robert of Boston. It is printed in Jos. Sparke's "*Historiæ Anglicanæ Scriptores varii*." fol. Lond. 1723. Fl. 1340.



WALTER HEMMINGFORD, an Augustine Canon of Gisburne Abbey, Yorkshire. I. "*Historia Anglorum, seu Chronica de gestis Regum Angliæ*," from 1066 to 1307. In Gale's "*Hist. Anglic. Scriptores quinque*," p. 455, to 1273. Part of it was publ. by Th. Hearne, (8vo. Oxf. 1731), with the following title, "*Historia de rebus gestis Edwardi I., Edwardi II., et Edwardi III.*" A short extract is printed at pp. 314, 315, vol. iii. of Leland's "*Collectanea*." II. "*Historia quinque priorum annorum Edwardi 2ndi*." III. "*Chronicon Edwardi tertii*" to 1346. Both these are in Hearne's edition of the preceding. Ob. 1347.



JOHN CLYNN was a Franciscan of Kilkenny, and "the first guardian of the Monastery of Carrig, founded anno 1336, by James, Earl of Ormond, on

the banks of the river Suir." (Harris' Ware. vol. ii. "The Writers of Ireland," p. 83.) "*Annalium Chronicon*," very briefly compiled from the Creation to 1315, "but from that year he continued the Annals of Ireland carefully and copiously enough to the year 1349." (Id.) Extant in the Brit. Mus. in a MS. which formerly belonged to the Earl of Clarendon, and is numbered 4789 in Ayscough's Cat. vol. i. p. 325. "*De Regibus Anglorum*" from Hengist to Edw. III. is with the preceding.

Ob. circ. 1349.



GOFFREY BAKER of Swinbroke, was an Augustine Canon regular of Osney, Oxfordshire. "*Chroniculum*," from 1303 to 1356. Bodl. MS. 761. There are extracts in James MS. 19, also in the Bodleian. He also translated *Sir Th. de la Moor's* (q. v.) Life of Edward II. from French into Latin.

Fl. 1356.



ROBERT of Avesbury, was Registrar of the Court of Canterbury. "*Historia de mirabilibus gestis Edwardi III.*" to 1356. Edited by Th. Hearne, 8vo. Oxf. 1720.

Ob. circ. 1357.



JOHN FORDUN, Chaplain of the Cathedral of Aberdeen. "*Scotichronicon*," from the time of Moses to 1066, continued by Walter Bower, partly from Fordun's own collections, to 1460. This history was so highly esteemed, that every convent in Scotland, and some in England, had copies of it. It was published by Hearne, 5 vols. 8vo. Oxf. 1722; by Walter Goodall, 2 vols. fol. Edinb. 1759; and by Gale in his "Hist. Brit. Scriptores xv." pp. 563-699. Fl. circ. 1360.



ALPH HIGDEN, (Ranulphus Cestrensis,) a Benedictine Monk of Saint Werburgh's at Chester; Pits places his death at 1377, but Bale and Tanner at the year adopted below, and which is also given in a note in Laud MS. 619 in the Bodl.* "*Polychronicon*," from the Creation to 1357, chiefly taken from Roger of Chester. Almost all the MSS. terminate at different years, varying from 1327 to 1388; but Caxton, in his edition of the translation, speaks of "the accomplishment of this said book made by the said Ranulph ended the year of our Lord M.CCC.LVIJ." There are MSS. in nearly

* The note is as follows, "Tandem in senectute bona postquam vixerat in religione sexaginta quatuor annis, circa festum Sancti Gregorii, anno gracie millesimo trecentesimo sexagesimo tercio in Domino obdormivit."

all the libraries in England; the following are some of them. In the Bodleian, Laud 545, and 619; Digby, 201; Bodl. 316, 341, 358, and 359; Hatton, 14; Rawlinson, B. 179 and 191; and Tanner, 19. In the British Museum, Cotton. Nero, D. viii.; Harl. 655, 1320, 1728, 3600, 3671, 3673, 3877, and 3844; Bib. Reg. 13. C. i. iii. D. i. E. i. 14. C. ix. xii. xiii.; and a part of the history, being "*De gestis Edwardi II. et III.*" to 1344, Lansdowne 239. In the College Libraries at Oxford—Balliol, C. 11. Q. 2; Merton, 118; Oriel, 16; Queen's, B. 1. 1; New, 152; Lincoln, 22; Corpus Christi, 83 and 89; Magdalene, 29, 97, 147, and 181. In Cambridge the MSS. are, at Trinity, three copies; Caius, F. 20, 21, 27, and one copy not numbered in "*Catalogus Manuscriptorum*;" Peter-House, 232; Corpus Christi, 21, and 117, and, containing book i. and part of the second book, 164; one at Christ's Coll.; St. John's, A. xii.; and in the Public Library, Dd. i. 17, and viii. 7. Some of the MSS. in other collections are, Trinity College, Dublin, C. 9 and 17, E. 15; Lambeth, 48, 104, and 160; St. Mary's Coll. Winchester, 13; Exeter Cathedral, 13; Heralds' Coll. 2 and 4; Hunterian Museum, Glasgow, Q. 1. 3, Q. 2. 23,* and S. 1. 8; in the Duke of Buckingham's library at Stowe, press ii.

* This MS. is called by Haenel in his "*Catalogi Libb. MSS. quae in bibliothecis Galliae, &c. asservantur*," (4to. Lips. 1830,) "*The original polychronicon of Ranulph. 1369.*"

No. 53, dated 1397; in Sir Th. Phillipps' lib. at Middlehill, Worcesterfhire, two MSS. numbered 1048 and 1049 in Haenel's Cat.; and in the parish library of St. Martin, Castle-ftreet, London. That part of the hiftory which relates to the Britons and Saxons was published by Dr. Gale in his "*Hift. Brit. Scriptt.* xv." pp. 179-287, and a few extracts are to be found in Leland's "*Collectanea*," vol. iii. pp. 368-377. It was translated into Englifh by John de Trevisa, Vicar of Berkeley in Gloucestershire, who is faid by fome (amongft whom is Pits) to have inserted his own additions, and to have continued it for at leaft 55 years. But Bifhop Nicolfon fays (p. 65) "They* that know the matter better have obferv'd aright that the many interpolations and additions in W. Caxton's Englifh edition, are the publifher's and not Trevisa's; and fo is alfo the continuation down to the year 1460. For Caxton exprefly takes it upon himfelf, tho' our famous Selden† fays 'twas the work of Trevisa, who (if the great man were not miftaken) muft have penn'd it near a hundred years after his death." This translation was printed by W^m. Caxton with his continuation from 1357 to 1460, fol. Lond. 1482. The fubfequent editions were, fol. (printed by Wynkyn de Worde) Weftminfter, 1495, and, printed by

* "*Vid. Ufferli Hift. Dogm. Edit. ab Hen. Wharton. p. 157, 439.*"

† "*In Præfat. ad 10 Scriptt.*"

Peter Treveris, fol. Southwerke, 1527.

Nat. 1300, *ob.* 1363.



JOHN of Tynemouth, Vicar of that place, was afterwards a Benedictine of St. Alban's. "*Historia Aurea*," from the Creation to 1347, continued by some other writer to 1377, in 3 volumes. There are copies in the libraries of Lambeth (Nos. 10, 11, 12,) Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. 5, 6., and part, to 1342, in the Public Lib. Camb. Dd. x. 22. *Fl.* 1366.



MATTHEW of Westminster, a Benedictine Monk there. Wharton (*Ang. Sac.* vol. i. p. xxxii.) places him at the year 1307, at which his history stops. "*Flores Historiarum*," from the Creation. Fol. Lond. 1567 (an incorrect edition), and 1570; and, with an index, together with Florence of Worcester's "Chronicon," fol. Franc. 1601. There are some short extracts in Leland's "*Collectanea*," vol. iii. pp. 385-391. The Chronicle which is said to have been compiled by Sir John Rochfort (who flourished 1406,) from Matthew of Westminster, and to be in the library of All Souls' Coll. Oxford, is only an index to Matthew's history, which is in MS. there. (See "Cat. of MSS. in the lib. of All Souls' Coll." by Rev^d. H. O. Coxe, M.A. 4to. Oxf. 1842.)

Fl. 1377.



ADAM MERIMUTH, or Murimuth, was Canon and Prebendary of St. Paul's, Canon of Exeter, and Prebendary of Lincoln. "*Chronicon*," in two parts; the first extending from 1303* to 1336, the second from 1336 to 1380. Publ. by Ant. Hall, p. 31 of Nicolas *Trivet's* (q. v.) continuation of his own Annals. Part, viz. from 1326 to 1377 was also published by Th. Hearne, under the title of "Anonymi Historia Edwardi tertii," p. 387, vol. ii. of Walter *Hemmingford*, q. v. *Ob. circ.* 1380.



THOMAS HASILWOOD, Augustine Canon regular of Leedes in Kent. Bale and Pits place him at 1321, but Weever in his *Funeral Monuments* (p. 206), quotes from a MS. of Hasilwood, which he says was in the Cottonian library (though it does not appear to be there now), an account of the victories of the Black Prince, which, as Bishop Nicolson says (p. 64), "shows that he must have liv'd pretty late in the reign of Edward III. if not under (his grandson) Richard II." "*Chronicon compendiarium*." *Fl. circ.* 1380.

* Because he begins his book at Michaelmas, 1303, Merimuth always begins the year at that time.



WALTER of Gifburne. In the Harleian Catalogue he is called William of Gifburne. I. "*Chronicon de gestis Regum Anglia*," from 1066 to 1300. Harleian MS. 691, and Cotton, Tiberius, B. iv. II. "*De gestis Edwardi III.*" to 1346. In Magd. Coll. Oxford, 53, and Cotton. Nero, D. ii.

Fl. circ. 1380.



JOHN STAFFORD, "*ab oppido natali cognomen habens*," was a monk of the order of St. Francis. Fuller, in his "*Worthies*," part iii. p. 45, says, "Authors are at an absolute loss when he lived, and are fain by degrees to screw themselves into a general notice thereof. He must be since the year 1226, when the Franciscans first fixed themselves in our land. He must be before John Ross, who flourished anno 1480, under Edward the Fourth, and maketh honourable mention of him. Therefore with proportion and probability he is collected to have written about 1380." "*Historia Anglica*."

Fl. circ. 1380.



WILLIAM de PACKINGTON, or Pachenton, was Secretary and Treasurer to Edward the Black Prince, Prebendary of York, &c. and ap-

pointed Archdeacon of Canterbury in 1381. He wrote two histories in French; the one a Chronicle from 1208 to 1380; the other, a Life of the Black Prince. A part of the Chronicle translated by Leland is in his "Collectanea," vol. ii. pp. 455-470.

Ob. 1390.



JEFFREY LYNGE, a Franciscan of Norwich. "*Chronicon*," from the coming of Brute to his own time.

Fl. 1390.



HENRY KNIGHTON, or Cnitton, was an Augustine Canon of Leicester. "*Chronicon de eventibus Angliæ ab anno 950 ad 1395*." It was published in Twysden's "*Historiæ Anglicanæ decem Scriptores*."

Fl. 1395.



JOHN BARBOUR, Archdeacon of Aberdeen. The year 1378 is sometimes given as the time of his death, but it is ascertained to have been 1396, from the chartulary of Aberdeen, "where under the date of August 10th, 1398, mention is made of *quondam Joh. Barber, Archidiaconus Aberd.* and where it is said that he died two years and a half before;—therefore in 1396." (J. Bruce's *Lives of Eminent Men of Aberdeen*, p. 6. 12mo. Aberd.

1841.) "*The Bruce, or the history of Robert I. King of Scotland.*" 12mo. Edinb. 1616 (first known ed.);* 8vo. Edinb. 1620, 1648, 1665, and 1670; 8vo. Glasg. 1672; 4to. Edinb. 1758;† printed from a MS. in the Advocates' library, dated 1489, with notes and a glossary, by John Pinkerton, 3 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1790; together with Henry the Minstrel's "*Wallace*," edited by the Rev^d. Dr. Jamieson, 2 vols. 4to. Edinb. 1820. There have been about twenty editions altogether.

Nat. circ. 1316. *ob.* 1396.



JOHN TREVISA, born in Cornwall, was Vicar of Berkeley in Gloucestershire. He translated Ralph Higden's (q. v.) "*Polychronicon*" into English.

Fl. 1399.



RICHARD of Cirencester, sometimes erroneously called Richard of Chichester,‡ was a Benedictine of Westminster. "*Historia*," divided into two parts, the

* Pinkerton, in the preface to his ed. p. xxiii. says, "It is worth observation that, though the edition of this work 1616 be the oldest discovered, yet there must have been one at least more ancient; for Gordon in his *Historie of Bruce*, a poem printed at Dort 1615, 4to. mentions this poem, as "the old printed book," in his preface."

† For an account of this edition, see note to Henry the Minstrel.

‡ See Dr. Stukeley's "Account of Richard of Cirencester."

first called "Speculum Historiale," from the Creation to the time of Hengist, in four books; the second, "Anglo-Saxonum Chronicon," from where the first stops, to 1348, in five books. MSS. are in the Cambridge library, Ff. i. 28, and in the Bodleian, Rawl. B. 193, and there is an abridgement in Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. (ccccxxvii.) which stops at 1265. The treatise "De situ Britanniae," also said to be by this author,* was published by C. J. Bertram with Gildas and Nennius, 8vo. Copenhagen, 1757; pp. 93-124 of the Rev^d. James Johnstone's edition of the "Chronicle of Man," 4to. Copenhagen, 1774; with a translation and commentary by H. Hatcher, 8vo. Lond. 1809; and translated by the Rev^d. J. A. Giles, D.C.L. together with Richard of Devizes, 8vo. Lond. 1841. Richard's map of Roman Britain and Itinerary were

* The authenticity of this work is doubted, and it is suspected that Bertram had more to do with it than merely as publisher. The chief grounds for this suspicion are, that Bertram himself says he obtained the MS. "miro modo," yet neither gives any account of it, nor mentions where it was extant; that it has not been seen by any one else, and that passages occur in the work, in which English phrases are rendered very literally into Latin. One of them is the following—"Veritatem, quoad fieri licuit, sectatus fui. Si quid occurrat forte, *illi non exakte congruum*, illud mihi ne imputetur vitiove vertatur, rogo. Me enim *ad regulas legesque historiarum* sollicitè componens, ea bona fide collegi aliorum verba et relationes, quae sincera maxime deprehendi et fide dignissima." p. 55. (See a short paper on Richard of Cirencester, printed by the Eng. Hist. Soc. in 1838.)

published by Dr. Stukeley with his "Account of Richard of Cirencester," 4to. Lond. 1757, and in the 2nd vol. of his "Itinerarium curiosum," fol. Lond. 1776, reprinted in 1817. *Ob. circ. 1401.*



JOHN GOWER the poet was also an historian. He wrote "*Chronica, quæ 'vox clamantis' dicitur, sive poema de insurrectione rusticorum in tempore Ricardi II.*" It is in the Bodleian, Laud 719 and Digby 138, in All Souls' Coll. Oxford, 98, in the Cottonian library, Tiberius, A. iv. and Titus, A. xiii. and in the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow, Q. ii. 33. Another metrical work, extant in the All Souls' MS. and Cotton. Tiberius. A. iv. entitled "*Chronica tripartita de depositione Ricardi II. et coronatione Henrici IV.*" is also attributed to him. There are extracts from this in James MS. 26 in the Bodleian. *Ob. 1402.*



STEPHEN BYRCHINGTON became a Benedictine of Ch. Ch. Canterbury, in 1382, of which monastery he was afterwards Treasurer and Cellarer. Wharton (Ang. Sacr. vol. i. p. xx.) ascribes to him from the similarity of style to that of his known book, "*Vitæ Archiepiscoporum Cantuariensium*," a work

extant in Lambeth library (No. 99), which is thus described in the Catalogue—" Brutus, five de gestis Anglorum historia ab ipsis gentis incunabulis ad A. 1367. Historiæ Pontificum Romanorum a S. Petro ad Urbanum VI. (1378). Historia imperatorum Romanorum a J. Cæsare ad Caroli IVti obitum (1378)." There is a copy of the History of England, from the Conquest, in Wharton's handwriting, Harl. MS. 4321. Ob. 1407.



ANDREW WYNTOWN, Canon regular of St. Andrew's, and Prior of the Monastery of Saint Serf, Lochleven. He "is supposed to have outlived 1420,

as he mentions the death of Robert, Duke of Albany, which happened in the course of that year."* His valuable history, the "*Orygynall Chronykill of Scotland*," is in verse, and the only edition of it was published in two volumes, 8vo. Lond. 1795, with notes by Mr. David Macpherson, who "left untouched the whole introductory portion of this famous 'Chronykill,' in which after the fashion of Roger of Chester, and other venerable historians, the author wisely and learnedly treats of the Creation, of angels, giants, &c. and of the general history of the world, before he comes to that which more

* Anderson's Scottish Biography, 16mo. Edinb. 1842.

pertinently concerns the proper subject of his work."
(Ibid.) *Ob. post 1420.*



ENRY of Marlborough, "so called (I suppose) from the place of his birth at Marleburg in Wiltshire, was Vicar of Ballyscadan in the Diocese of Dublin."*

He wrote "*Cronica excerpta de medulla diversorum cronicorum, præcipue Ranulphi Cestrensis, una cum quibusdam capitulis de cronicis Hiberniæ*," from the birth of our Lord to 1421. Part of it, viz. from 1348, was printed in Camden's "*Britannia*," pp. 829-836, fol. Lond. 1607.† Part also from 1285, translated, was publ. by Sir James Ware, with Campion and Hanmer, fol. Dubl. 1633; and a reprint, 8vo. Dubl. 1809; and there are extracts in Holinshed. A MS. of it, which stops at 1414, is in the Cott. Lib. Vitellius. E. v. and another in Trin. Coll. Dubl. I. 115. *Fl. 1421.*

* Sir J. Ware, transl. by Walter Harris, vol. ii. "The writers of Ireland," p. 322. fol. Dubl. 1764.

† The preceding portion of the "*Annals of Ireland*," inserted in Camden, from 1162 to 1347, were written by Christopher Pembrige, who flourished in the latter year. (Ware, p. 83.)



THOMAS OTTERBOURNE, a Franciscan. Hearne says (Præf. ad Chr. p. xxix.) concerning the date of his death, "Certe anno M.CCCC.XX. definit chronica; quo proinde anno, vel saltem anno M.CCCC.XXI. ipsum jam valde infirmum vitam finisse existimo." "*Chronica Regum Angliæ.*" Publ. together with John Whethamstede by Th. Hearne, with the title of "Duo rerum Anglicarum Scriptores, viz. T. O. et J. W. ab origine gentis Britannicæ usque ad Edvardum IV." 2 vols. 8vo. Oxford, 1732. *Ob. circ. 1421.*



THOMAS de ELMHAM, first a Monk of the Abbey of Saint Augustine, Canterbury, of which Abbey he was Treasurer in 1407, was about 1414 appointed Prior of the Monastery of Lenton in the county of Nottingham, but he resigned the office in 1426. I. "*Annales Regum Britonum, Saxonum et Anglorum a Bruto ad 1389.*" Cotton. Claudius, E. iv. II. "*Vita et gesta Henrici Quinti Anglorum Regis.*" Publ. by Th. Hearne, 8vo. Oxford, 1727. A translation of Elmham's account of the battle of Agincourt is given in Sir Harris Nicolas' history of that battle, pp. 260-264. 8vo. Lond. 1832. III. "*Chronica Henrici Quinti,*" in Latin verse. Cotton.

Jul. E. iv. Vesp. D. xiii. ; Bib. Reg. 13. A. xvi. ; and Bodl. MS. 462 and Rawl. B. 214 contain extracts from it. Hearne says in his preface to the preceding work, pp. xxvii. xxviii. concerning this life of Henry, "Opusculi hujus metrici meminit cl. Seldenus.* Qui tamen luce publica indignum judicavit. Cujus sententiæ et ipse quoque lubens accedo."

Fl. 1407-1426.



JOHN de MERYLYNCH or Muri-
lynch, was a Monk of Glastonbury.
Two histories are attributed to him,
but both apparently upon the same
slight foundation, viz. that his name is written in
the MSS. as the owner, the words "Liber de per-
quisito suo," being added, which Tanner strangely
gives as the title of a book. One of the works is
in the Harl. MS. 641, and is described in the Cat.
as "*Additiones ad chronica Martini Poloni, in quibus
pars historiæ regni R. Edw. I. et integra pene regni
R. Edw. II. chronica continentur.*" To this there
is added an account (most probably only transcribed
by Merylynch) of the proceedings in Kilkenny
against Dame Alice Kyteler, and her son William
Outlawe, prosecuted for sorcery in 1324, by Richard
de Ledrede, Bishop of Ossory, which was printed

* "Hist. Decimar. cap. 1. § 4. Meminit item in Catalogo auctorum ad finem ejusdem operis."

for the Camden Society, under the editorship of Thomas Wright, M.A. Lond. 1843. The latter part of the Chronicle, viz. from 1316, containing also the account of this trial, is in Bodl. MS. Rawl. B. 185, copied by Hearne for publication with his intended edition of John Caistor.* The second work is in Queen's Coll. Oxford (No. 41), and is a genealogical "*Chronica*," from 449 to Henry VI. 1422. *Fl. circ. 1422.*

PETER BASSET was chamberlain to Henry V. whom he attended in all his campaigns, and whose life he wrote in English. Hall, in the list of his authorities prefixed to his history, mentions a writer of the name of "Jhon Bassfet," but nothing is known concerning him, nor is he cited in the course of the work, while *Peter Bassfet* is (at fol. 50, Henry V.); which perhaps renders it probable that the *John* in the list of authorities, may be a mistake for *Peter*. *Fl. 1430.*

* Hearne appears to have also doubted Merylynch's being the author, for he says, after quoting the title of the Harl. MS. "Non liquet unde didicerit auctor inscriptionis supradictæ (Simondsius, ut puto, Dewesius) Johannem Merelynych (Monachum Glastoniensem) consignasse illa quæ a fol. 56. b. signantur. Sed, ni fallor, exploratum habuit e schedula quadam veteri in codice MS. nunc deperdita, e qua schedula (ut conjectura assequor) inscriptionem contexuit."



JOHN LANGDEN, first a Benedictine of Ch. Ch. Canterbury, was afterwards Bishop of Rochester. He died whilst attending the council of Basle. "*Anglorum chronicon*." Pits (p. 625) ascribes a history of England to a John Langton, a Carmelite, but Tanner says that he has confounded him with this John Langden. *Ob.* 1434.



ALTER BOWER, born at Haddington, was elected Abbot of St. Colm in 1418. At the request of Sir David Stewart of Rossyth, he undertook the continuation of Fordun's "*Scotichronicon*," which that historian had brought down only as far as the 23rd chapter of the 5th book. He continued the work (which is divided into 16 books) to the death of James I. in 1437. His large supplement is published with the original of *Fordun* (q. v.) in the editions of Hearne and Goodall.

Nat. 1385, *ob. post* 1437.



THOMAS WALSINGHAM, born in Norfolk, was a Benedictine Monk of St. Alban's. 1. "*Historia brevis Angliæ*," from 1273 to 1423. Publ. by Archbp. Parker, fol. Lond. (printed by Henry Bin-

nemann) 1574; and p. 43 of Camden's "Anglica," &c. II. "*Hypodigma Neustriae*," a history of Normandy, "from the time it came first into the hands of Rollo and his Danes, down to the sixth year of Henry V." (Nicolson, p. 68.) Fol. (publ. by Archbp. Parker, and printed by John Daye) Lond. 1574; and p. 413 of Camden's "Anglica," &c. III. "*Acta Regis Henrici Sexti*." Fl. 1440.



NICHOLAS CANTILUPE, born in Wales, was the son of Lord Cantilupe. He entered into the order of Carmelites, and was successively Prior of Monasteries at Cambridge, Bristol, Gloucester, and Northampton. "*Chronicorum epitome*."

Ob. 1441.



THOMAS RUDBURN, or Radburn, called *Senior* to distinguish him from another chronicler of the same name (see p. 61), born in Wiltshire, was educated at Merton College, and was appointed Archdeacon of Sudbury in 1413, and Bishop of St. David's in 1432. "*Chronicon*."

Ob. 1441.



ROGER ALBAN, born in Hertfordshire, was a Carmelite of London. "*Progenies Regum Britanniae*;" a genealogy from the Creation to 1453. It is extant in Queen's Coll. Oxf. beautifully written on a long illuminated parchment roll, which is said to have been a presentation copy to Henry VI.

Fl. 1453.



ROBERT BALE, (called *senior* to distinguish him from another of the same name, who was a Carmelite, and Prior of Burnham, and died in 1503,) born in London, was Recorder of that city. "*Regis Edwardi tertii res gestæ.*"

Fl. 1461.



JOHN HARDING was born in the north of England, and was "an inveterate enemy to the Scottish nation, against whom he carried arms in several expeditions," (Nicolson, p. 68,) under Sir Robert Umfraville. "*The chronicle of Jhon Hardyng (in metre) from the firste begynnyng of Englande vnto the reigne of Edward IV. wher he made an end. (With) a continuation in prose to this our tyme,*" &c. 4to. Lond. (Richard Grafton), 1543, (two editions in January

of that year*); and, edited by Sir Henry Ellis, 4to. Lond. 1812. There is a beautifully illuminated manuscript of this book in the Lansdowne collection in the Brit. Mus. (No. 204), "which differs from the printed copies of the chronicle so much, as not even to admit of collation." (Cooper's Public Records, vol. i. p. 118.) *Nat. 1379, ob. post 1463.*



JOHN WHETHAMSTEDE. John Frumentarius, or Whethamstede, was so named from the place of his birth in Hertfordshire. His real name was Bostock. He was a Benedictine Monk of St. Albans, of which Monastery he was at length elected Abbot. "*Chronicon*," from 1441 to 1461. Publ. by Hearne with Th. *Otterbourne*, q. v. There is also a brief history from Brute to the death of Henry V. 1422, taken from the 2nd part ("De viris illustribus,") of Whethamstede's "*Granarium*," in Bodl. MS. 585. *Nat. inter 1365 et 1370, ob. 1464.*

* "It is singular that there should be two editions of Hardyng's Chronicle both printed by Grafton in the month of January, 1543, differing in almost every page, and one, in Grafton's own portion of the work, containing (in the reign of Henry VIII.) no less than twenty-nine pages more than the other."—Sir H. Ellis' pref. to his ed. p. xviii.



JOHN CAPGRAVE, the well-known compiler of the "*Nova Legenda Anglia*," born in Kent, was a Monk of Lynn in Norfolk. Bale, Leland, and Wharton place his death at the year stated below, but Pits at 1484. I. "*Chronicle*," from the Creation to 1417. In Bp. Moore's collection in the Camb. Lib. II. "*De nobilibus Henricis*." This work consists of a history of six Henries of England, of the six Henries, Emperors of Germany, and of lives of several eminent men of that name. Cotton. Tiberius, A. viii., and Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. ccccviii. One of the lives, namely, that of Henry le Spenser, Bishop of Norwich, is printed in Wharton's "*Anglia Sacra*," vol. ii. pp. 359-361. *Nat.* 1422, *ob.* 1464.



NICHOLAS MONTACUTE, or Manacute. Respecting this author's profession, Pits says (p. 656) "*Mihi conjectura non levis est eum literas humaniores in Etonensi schola juxta Windefhoram docuisse*," but, on the other hand, Tanner replies, "*Male Pitæus eum in collegio Etonensi professorem fuisse dicit*." He wrote "*De regibus Angliæ liber*," which both biographers say was formerly extant, together with other works of his, in Eton College library. *Fl.* 1466.



WILLIAM of Worcester. William Buttoner, or Buttoner, commonly called William of Worcester, born in Bristol, was educated at Hart Hall, Oxford, under the patronage of Sir John Fastolf, whose physician he afterwards was.* "*Annales rerum Anglicarum*," extending from 1324 to 1491. Of the events from 1468 to the latter year the history takes no notice, passing over 22 years in silence, which renders it probable that William of Worcester concluded the work at 1468, and that the short notice of 1491 was added by some other hand. Ant. A. Wood thinks he lived till 1480, and his death is proved to have taken place after 1473 by an original memorandum in a MS. in Magd. Coll. Oxford ("De sacramentis dedicationis fermo"), which records that it was presented to Bishop Waynflete "die sextodecimo mensis Decembris anno Christi 1473, per Willelmum Wyrcestre."† The annals are printed p. 424, vol. ii. of Hearne's "*Liber niger Scaccarii*," 8vo. Oxf. 1728; and 8vo. Lond. 1771.

Nat. 1415, *ob. post* 1473.

* Halliwell, "On the character of Sir John Fastolf," p. 45. 8vo. Lond. 1841.

† Ibid.



HENRY the Minstrel, commonly called Blind Harry. The time at which he flourished is uncertain, Dempster (who died in 1625) placing him in the 14th century, while Major (who was born in 1469, and whose account is thus more credible, inasmuch as he lived nearer the time of our author) thus speaks concerning him in his history, lib. iv. c. 15. "*Integrum librum Guilelmi Vallacei Henricus, a natiuitate luminibus captus, meæ infantia tempore cudit; et quæ vulgo dicebantur, carmine vulgari, in quo peritus erat, conscripsit.*" His poem is entitled, "*Ye aittis and deidis of y^e illuster and vailzeand Campioun Schir William Wallace.*" The only MS. known to be extant is in the Advocates' library, Edinburgh; its date is 1488. The first edition was printed at Edinb. by Rob. Lekprevik, 4to. 1570, and the following are some of the subsequent editions. 4to. Edinb. 1594, 1601, and 1611; 8vo. Edinb. 1620; 8vo. Aberd. 1630; 8vo. Edinb. 1648 and 1661; 8vo. Glasg. 1665; 12mo. Edinb. 1673 and 1709; — Glasg. 1713; 8vo. Glasg. 1722 (an useless abridgment); 4to. Edinb. 1758;* 3 vols. 12mo.

* Dr. Jamieson says, (in the introduction to his edition, p. ix.) "This is the edition which is here quoted in the notes as that of 1714. For I have been assured, on good authority, that this edition, as well as that of the Bruce, was printed by Robert Freebairn, printer to his Majesty, in the year 1714 or 1715; but that,

Perth, 1790; and, edited by Dr. Jamieson, together with Barbour's "Bruce," 2 vols. 4to. Edinb. 1820. The first volume contains the "Bruce," the second, "Wallace."
Fl. circ. 1470.



THOMAS RUDBURN, or Radburn, called *Junior*, to distinguish him from another of the same name (see p. 55), was a Benedictine of Winchester. "*Breviarium Chronicorum*," from Brute to 1234. Some extracts are printed pp. 404-430, vol. ii. of Leland's "Collectanea." It is in the Cottonian collection, Nero, A. xvii. and, translated, in the Harleian, No. 156.
Fl. 1480.



WILLIAM CAXTON was first a mercer, and then for thirty years servant in Flanders, to Margaret, Duchess of Burgundy, and sister to Edward IV. "He afterwards returned into England, where finding, as he says, an imperfect history, (begun by one of the monks of St. Alban's, says John Pits, very unad-

as he was engaged in the rebellion in the year last mentioned before the work was ready for publication, they were suffered to lie in a bookseller's warehouse, till A. 1758, when they were published either without titles, or with titles bearing the false date of this year."

vifedly,) he continued it in Englifh, giving it only the Latin title of '*Fruſtus temporum*.'* How ſmall a portion of this work is owing to this author has been obſerved before; but he now uſually bears the name of the whole, which begins with the firſt inhabiting of this iſland, and ends (the laſt year of Edward the Fourth) A. D. 1483." (Nicolſon, p. 69.) He alſo wrote a continuation to Ralph Higden, q. v.

The "*Cronicles*" were printed by their author, fol. 1480; Antwerp, printed by Gerard de Leew; 1493; (with the "*Frute of Timis*," in all the following editions) fol. Weſtminſter, by Wynkyn de Worde, 1497; and, "enprynted in Flete ſtrete in the ſyne of the Sonne," 1502; by Julian Notary, fol. 1504 and 1515; by Rich. Pynſon, "in Flete ſtrete, in the ſygne of the George," fol. 1510; and again by Wynkyn de Worde, 1515, 1520, and 1528. *Nat. circ.* 1410, *ob.* 1491.

* It appears from Lewis' Life of Caxton (p. 31. 8vo. Lond. 1737) and Ames' Typ. Ant. (Herbert's ed. vol. iii. p. 1430, *et ſeq.* 4to. Lond. 1790,) that this is incorrect, and that Caxton called his work "*The Chronicles of England*," while "*Fruſtus temporum*," is the title of another hiſtory, (afterwards printed with it) which was written by a Schoolmaſter of St. Alban's, and printed there in 1483. It contains precifely the ſame as Caxton's Chronicle, "with the addition of ſlight notices of Popes and Emperors." (Dibdin's Lib. Comp. p. 179.) There is an edition without name, place, or date, which is ſuppoſed to have been printed by William Machlinia in London.



JOHN ROSS, or Rouse, was born at Warwick, and after having travelled over almost all England, and having investigated many libraries, out of which he made large collections, he retired at length to Guy's Cliff, (so named from Guy, Earl of Warwick, who, when weary of the world, lived there the life of a hermit,) near Warwick, on the banks of the Avon. Besides several local histories, he wrote "*Historia Regum Angliæ*," which was published by Th. Hearne, 8vo. Oxf. 1716, and again in 1745. A short historical account of the Earls of Warwick to 1477, is printed pp. 217-239 of "*Historia Ricardi II.*" ed. Th. Hearne, 8vo. Oxf. 1729.

Ob. 1491.



JOHN WARKWORTH, B. D. was Master of Peter-House, Camb. from 1473, a Proctor in the Convocation of 1474, and Rector of Wisbeach, which he resigned in 1473 for the living of Leverington, both in Cambridgeshire. "*Chronicle of the first thirteen years of King Edward the Fourth's reign.*" Edited by J. O. Halliwell, and printed for the Camden Society, 4to. Lond. 1839. There are some extracts in Leland's "*Collectanea*," vol. ii. pp. 471-499.

Ob. 1500.



ROBERT FABIAN, a rich merchant, was born in London, of which city he was Sheriff in 1493-4. "*The Concor-
dauce of Histories*;" a chronicle of En-
gland and France. Fol. Lond. printed by Pynson,
1516; by W. Raftall, 1533; by John Raynes,*
2 vols. 1542; 2 vols. by John Kyngfton, 1559;
and, edited by Sir Henry Ellis, 4to. Lond. 1811.
Two or three pages of extracts are at the end of
vol. iii. of Leland's "Collectanea." Ob. 1512.



WILLIAM ELPHINSTONE, born at
Glasgow in 1431, or as some say,
amongst whom is Keith, in 1437, was
appointed in 1482 Bishop of Ross, and
in 1484, was translated to Aberdeen. In 1500 he
built and endowed King's College, in Old Aberdeen,
to found which he had obtained a bull from Pope
Alexander VI. in 1494. His "*Historia et Anti-
quitates Scotorum*," is extant amongst the Fairfax
MSS. in the Bodleian, (No. 8,) and Fairfax says, in
a note written in it, that he believes that to be the
original MS., and that "by y^e last leafe in this
booke, itt seems this booke (before the desolution

* "Some copies of this date with the name of Bonham as the
printer, are only the same book with a fresh title-page." Dibdin's
Lib. Comp. p. 186.

of Abbays in Scotland) did belonge to the monastery of Dumfermelin." He also adds, "Note that the Earle of Dumfermelin tould mee in the yeare 1657, that he had a very faire ancient manuscript of the History of Scotland formerly belonginge (to) that monastery, but I did never see itt. I beleve 'twas transcribed out of this." In another note he says, that his copy "was sent me (Dec. 17, 1650) by the Lady Hathernden (widdow to the famous poet Wm. Drumond) by y^e hands of her husband's brother, viz. Mr. James Drumond." The history "is divided into eleven books, whereof the first five are John Fordun's chronicle *verbatim*."* A translation into French made by one Grem. Domate, in 1519, is in the Abbey of St. Genevieve in Paris.† In Gust. Haenel's "Catalogi Libb. Manuscriptorum qui in bibliothecis Gallix, Helvetix, &c. asservantur" (4to. Lips. 1830); it is marked as O. 2; of the "MSS. Français en folio."

Nat. 1431, *ob.* 1514.



PHILIP FLATSBURY of the village of Johnstown, near Naas, wrote a history of Ireland to 1517, at the request of Gerald, Earl of Kildare, the Lord Deputy. It is however, little more than a tran-

* "Essay on the Ancient Inhabitants of Scotland." By Th. Innes, M. A. vol. i. p. 219. 8vo. Lond. 1729.

† Id. vol. ii. p. 633.

script of Pembrige's and Marlborough's Annals, publ. by Camden in his "Britannia." The "Chronicles of Ireland," in Holinshed, are taken from this writer and Henry of Marlborough, and his work is in MS. in Trin. Coll. Dublin, B. 55. *Fl.* 1517.



SIR THOMAS MORE was the son of Sir John More, Judge of the King's Bench, and was born in London. In 1508 he was appointed Judge of the Sheriff's Court, in 1520 Chancellor of the Exchequer, in 1523 Speaker of the House of Commons, in 1526 Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and in 1530 Lord High Chancellor. Besides many tracts against the Reformation, epistles to Erasmus, &c., the "Utopia," and miscellaneous pieces, he wrote, 1. "*Historie of the pitifull life and unfortunate death of Edward the Fifth.*" Edited by W. Sheares, 12mo. Lond. 1641; in his collected works in English, fol. Lond. "at the costes and charges of John Cawood, John Waly, and Richard Tottell," 1557, and in the first volume of Kennet's "Complete History of England, to the death of William 3rd." fol. Lond. 1706, and 1719. It is also in Stow, Speed, and Holinshed, and incorrectly in Harding and Hall; and a Latin version under the title of "*Historia Richardi III.*" is in his "*Omnia Latina opera,*" fol. Lovan. 1566, and Franc.

1689. II. "*History of Richard the 3rd.*" This, which was left unfinished in the original,* but was completed in English by Edward Hall, was written first in Latin, but the translation alone has been published. It is with all the English editions of the preceding, and both also were printed at Chifwick, 1821, in 8vo. and with Arthur Caley's "*Memoirs of Sir Thomas More, with a translation of the Utopia,*" &c. 2 vols. 4to. Lond. 1808. The original Latin MS. written by Sir T. More's own hand, is in the Heralds' Coll. No. 43.

Nat. 1480, *decap.* 1535.



JOHN RASTELL was a Printer in London, where he was born. He married a sister of Sir Thomas More. "*The Pastyme of People; the Cronycles of diuerse realmys, and most specyally of the realme of Englund.*" Fol. Lond. printed by the Author (1529); and edited by Rev^d. T. F. Dibdin, 4to. Lond. 1811. The work embraces a history of Rome, from Silvius Postumus to the Emperor Maximilian I. 1486; Papal history from St. Peter to Pope Innocent VIII. 1483; Flemish, from Francus son of Hector to Maximilian I. of Germany, 1486; French, from Francus II, about 30 B. C. to Charles VIII. 1483; Norman, from

* Sir Th. More wrote as far as p. 239 of Sheares' ed.

Rollo, 912, to Robert, son of William the Conq. 1087; and British, from Brute to 1485. With the exception of the last, the chronicles are scarcely any thing else than a mere list of Sovereigns' names.

Ob. 1536.



HECTOR BOETHIUS, or Boece, born at Dundee about 1470, or, as some say, 1465, was appointed in 1500, by Bishop Elphinstone, Principal of his newly founded College at Aberdeen. The time of his death is variously stated, some fixing it at 1536, and others about 1550; but the former is the true date, "for on the 22nd of November, in that year, the King presented John Garden to the rectory of Tyrie, vacant by the death of 'Mr. Hector Bois.'"^{*} "*Scotorum Historia ab illius gentis origine;*" i. e. from Gathelus, son of Cecrops. Fol. Par. by Badius Ascensius, 1526 (this edition contains 17 books, ending with the death of James I. 1437);—containing books 18 and 19, bringing the history down to the reign of James III. with an Appendix of thirty-five pages by John Ferrerius, a Piedmontese, fol. Par. 1574, 1575, and 1577; fol. Edinb. 1592. Translated into Scotch by Bellenden,† fol. Edinb.

^{*} Irving's *Lives of Scottish Writers*, vol. i. p. 11. 12mo. Edinb. 1839.

† John Bellenden, or Balantyne, Archdeacon of Moray, and Canon of Ross, is said to have been one of the greatest scholars of

(printed by Th. Davidson), without date, but supposed to be 1536, and 2nd ed. 1541; and edited by Mr. Maitland, forming 2 vols. of Bellenden's works in three vols. 4to. Edinb. 1821, 22. A metrical version of the history "containing about 70,000 lines, done by some one whose name has not been ascertained, is preserved in the library of the University of Cambridge."* The "Description of Scotland," which precedes the history, was translated into English by William Harrison, and is prefixed to the "History of Scotland," in the second vol. of *Holinshed's* Chronicles, q. v. A catalogue of Scotch kings taken from Boethius is in vol. i. pp. 401-424 of Gruterus' "Chronicon chronicorum politicum," (publ. under the name of Gualterius,) 8vo. Francof. 1614. *Nat. circ.* 1470, *ob.* 1536.



JAMES GRACE was a native of Killenny. In Grace's Memoirs of the Grace family (vol. i. p. 4, 4to. Lond. 1823) he is said to have belonged to

his time. He was born towards the close of the fifteenth century, and first studied at the University of St. Andrew's, and afterwards at Paris, where he took the degree of D. D. In 1530-1 he was employed by James V. in translating Boethius' History, into which he introduced two poems by himself, "The proeme of the Cosmographie," and "The proeme of the History." He died at Rome in 1550.

* Anderson's Scottish Biography.

the Priory of St. John in Kilkenny, and to have died of the plague. His "*Annales Hibernia*," (printed by the Irish Archæological Society, with a translation and notes by the Rev. Rich. Butler, A.B. 4to. Dubl. 1842,) extend from 1074 to 1370, "from which date the entries consist chiefly of the obits of the Lacys and Burkes from 1326 to 1515. * * * * These are followed by the obits of the Butlers, in chronological order, which are succeeded by the obits of the Geraldines.*" *Fl. circ.* 1539.



THOMAS LANQUET, or Lanket, was a Student at Oxford, but it is not known to what College or Hall he belonged. He intended to have written a Chronicle of England from the Creation to his time, but death put a stop to his labours, when they had only reached as far as the birth of our Lord. But Bishop Cooper † wrote a continuation, bringing the history down to the period of the respective editions. "*Epitome of Chronicles*," 4to. Lond. by Berthelet, 1549 and 1554; continued by Robert

* Mr. Butler's Introduction, p. vii.

† Thomas Cooper, born in Oxford, was first a Chorister of St. Mary Magdalene Coll. of which he afterwards became Fellow and Master of the School. He was made Dean of Ch. Ch. in 1567, in 1569 Dean of Gloucester, and in 1570 Bishop of Lincoln. In 1584 he was translated to Winchester, where he died in 1594, and was buried in the Cathedral.

Crowley, (a very incorrect edition,) 4to. Lond. printed by William Seres, 1559; again, with Cooper's Supplement, 4to. Lond. 1560, 1565, and 1569. *Nat.* 1521, *ob.* 1545.



EDWARD HALLE, born in London, was educated first at Eton, and afterwards at King's College, Camb., whither he went in 1514. He subsequently became Recorder of London. "*The Union of the two noble and illustre famelies of Lancastre and Yorke*," extending from Henry IV. to Henry VIII. Fol. Lond. (by Berthelet) 1542;* printed by Grafton, and continued by him from 1532 to 1546, fol. Lond. 1548, and 1550; edited by Sir Henry Ellis, 4to. Lond. 1809.

Nat. circ. 1499, *ob.* 1547.



ARTHUR KELTON, a native of Shropshire. He wrote in metre, "*A Chronycle with a genealogie declaryng that the Brittons and Welshemen are lineallye dyscended from Brute*." It is in seven-line stanzas.

* Bishop Tanner, *Biblio. Britt.* mentions the edition by Berthelet, but no copy is known to be extant. There are three editions printed in black letter by Grafton, the wood cut initial letters are the same as used by Berthelet, who probably printed a portion of the first edition, which was afterwards finished by Grafton.

16mo. Lond. (printed by Rich. Grafton,) 1547.

Fl. 1547.



JOHN MAJOR, or Mair, was born at Gleghorn, near North Berwick, in the year 1478, as some say, amongst whom is Mackenzie, or in 1469 according to others, including Chalmers and the *Biographie Universelle*. In 1493, after having first studied at Christ's Coll. Camb., he went to the University of Paris, whence he removed in 1498 to Navarre, where he was created D. D. in 1505. In 1519 he returned to Scotland, taught theology for several years at Glasgow and St. Andrew's, went back to Paris, and finally returned once more, about 1530, to Scotland, was chosen Professor of Divinity at St. Andrew's, and afterwards became Provost there. There is as great discrepancy in the dates given of his death as in those of his birth, some saying that it took place in 1540 (as Mackenzie); others in 1547, "but it is certain that he was alive in 1549, for in that year he subscribed (by proxy, on account of his great age) the national constitutions of the Church of Scotland. He died soon after, probably in 1550, which must have been in his eighty-second year." (Chalmers.) "*Historia Majoris Britanniae tam Angliae quam Scotiae.*" 4to. Par. printed by Badius Ascensius, 1521; 4to. Edinb. 1740.

Nat. 1469, *ob. circ.* 1550.



JOHN PROCTOR, born in Somersetshire, was fellow of All Souls' Coll. Oxf. and afterwards Master of Tunbridge School. Newcourt (Repert. Eccl. fol. Lond. 1708. vol. i. p. 275,) supposes him to have been the same as a John Proctor who was made Rector of St. Andrew, Holborn, in 1578, and died in 1584, but Dr. Bliss in his ed. of Wood's "Athenæ," (4to. Lond. 1813, vol. i. col. 235,) doubts this, as the historian was a Roman Catholic, while the Rector must have been a Protestant. But may not the former have changed his religion, as many others did? "*The Historie of Wyates rebellion.*" 16mo. printed by Robert Caley, Lond. 1554 and 1555, and reprinted in vol. iii. (pp. 65-114) of the "*Antiquarian Repertory*," 2nd ed. 4 vols. 4to. Lond. 1807-9. Fl. 1555.



GEORGE LILY, son of the Grammarian, was born in London, and educated at Magdalene Coll. Oxford. He afterwards became a Prebendary of St. Paul's, and of Canterbury. "*Chronicon, sive brevis enumeratio Regum et Principum Britanniae.*" from Egbert, A. D. 801. 4to. Venet. 1548; 4to. Franc. 1565; 4to. Basil. 1577; pp. 319-400, vol. i. of Gruterus' "*Chronicon chronicorum politicum*," (published

under the name of Gualterius) 2 vols. 8vo. Franc. 1614; and p. 104 of Paul Jovius' "Descriptiones regionum atque locorum," 8vo. Basil. 1561. Two small pieces entitled "*Lancastriæ et Eboracensis de regno contentiones*," and "*Genealogia Regum Angliæ*," are also printed, the first in all, and the latter in some of the editions of the "Chronicon." The "*Lancastriæ*," &c. occupies in Jovius three pages, the "*Genealogia*" one. *Ob.* 1559.



UMPHREY LHOYD, born at Denbigh, studied at Brasen-nose College, Oxford, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1547, and Master of Arts in 1551. He afterwards retired to his native place, and practised medicine there. "*A Chronicle of Wales from Cadwallader to Lewellin*" the last Welsh prince, 1293. Cotton. Caligula A. vi. dated at London, July 17, 1559. *Ob.* 1568.



ROBERT LINDSAY, of Pitfcottie. Of the personal history of this writer nothing is known. His "*Chronicles of Scotland*" extend from 1436 to 1565. They were published (continued by another hand to 1604) fol. Edinb. 1728; Glasg. 1749; 12mo. Edinb. 1778; and, edited by John Graham Dalyell, 2 vols. 8vo. Edinb. 1814. *Fl. circ.* 1570.



JOHN KNOX was born at Gifford, East Lothian, and educated at Saint Andrew's. His "*Historie of the reformatioun of religioun within the realm of Scotland*," from 1422, was published after his death, 4to Lond. 1586, but copies of this edition are very rare, and none of them are perfect. The subsequent editions are,—with the life of Knox by David Buchanan, fol. Lond. 1644, and 4to. Edinb. in the same year; with the life by Matthew Crawford, fol. Edinb. 1732 (the genuine and complete edition); 4to Glasg. 1761; 4to. Edinb. 1790; 2 vols. 8vo. Paisley, 1791; and with life, &c. by Wm. Mc. Gavin, 8vo. Glasg. 1831. *Nat.* 1505, *ob.* 1572.



RICHARD GRAFTON was a Printer in London. He was imprisoned by Henry VIII. in 1540 for six weeks, for printing the Bible without notes, "and, before his release, was bound in a penalty of £100 that he should neither sell, nor print, nor cause to be printed, any more Bibles, until the king and the clergy should agree upon a translation. * * * No particulars have been handed down to us of his sickness, death, or interment, nor do we find any account of him after 1572, when by an accidental fall he broke his leg." (Chalmers.) His "*Abridgment of the Chronicles of England*" was published in

1562, printed by Richard Tottyl, and it was reprinted in 1564, 1570, and 1572, all in 16mo. An abridgment of the abridgment, entitled "A Manuell of the Chronicles of Englande," appeared in 1565, printed by J. Kingston, 24mo. But it was in 1569 that his chief work appeared, viz. his "*Chronicle at large and meere history of the affayres of Englande, and Kinges of the same, deduced from the creation of the worlde unto the first yere of Queene Elizabeth.*" 2 vols. fol. printed by Henry Denham; and reprinted, 2 vols. 4to. Lond. 1809.

Fl. 1537-1572.



GEORGE FERRARS, a Lawyer, was born in Hertfordshire, either in 1512, or about 1510. He was educated first at Oxford, and afterwards entered at Lincoln's Inn. Stowe in his Chronicle (fol. ed. p. 632), says that he was the author of the history of Queen Mary, which is in Grafton's Chronicle. He also wrote six of the pieces in the "Mirrour for Magistrates."

Nat. 1512, *ob.* 1579.



RAPHAEL HOLINSHED. Very little is known concerning this author, some saying that "he had an University education, while others, denying this, affirm that he was Steward to Thomas Burdett, of Brom-

cote, in the county of Warwick, esq." (Chalmers.) His "*Chronicles of Englande, Scotlande, and Irelande*," were first published in two vols., with wood-cuts,* fol. Lond. 1577. The subsequent editions were, 3 vols. fol. 1587, and 6 vols. 4to. 1807-8. The history of Scotland was published separately, 2 vols. 4to. Arbroath, 1805. Several sheets which were displeasing to Queen Elizabeth and her ministry were suppressed in the second edition; these were reprinted apart in 1728. Holinshed had several coadjutors in writing his history, of whom the chief were, William Harrison,† who is the author of the "Historical Description of the island of Britaine," in the 1st vol., and who translated the "Description of Scotland," from Boethius, which is in the 2nd vol.; Richard Stanyhurst, who wrote "The Description, Conquest, Inhabitation, and troublesome estate of Ireland," and who continued the "Chronicles of Ireland" from 1509, where Holinshed stopped, to 1586, together with John Hooker, alias Vowell, Chamberlain of the city of Exeter, which he represented in Parliament, who also translated the "Conquest of Ireland" from Giraldus Cambrensis; and

* "Among these cuts there is one of a Guillotine." Dibdin's Lib. Comp. p. 195.

† Born in London, was educated at Westminster School under Alex. Nowell, and then studied at both Oxford and Cambridge. He subsequently became Rector of Radwinter in Essex, Canon of Windsor, and Chaplain to Sir Wm. Brooke, Warden of the Cinque Ports. He died in 1592.

Francis Boteville, alias, Thin, who continued the "Chronicles of Scotland" from 1571 to 1586, and likewise with others the "Chronicles of England" in the 3rd vol. for the same period. The "Description," "Chronicle," and "Conquest" of Ireland, and the "Chronicle of Scotland," are all in the 2nd vol. Stow also assisted in the work.

Ob. circ. 1580.



EDMUND CAMPION, or Campian, born in London, was educated at Christ Church Hospital, and afterwards at St. John's Coll. Oxford. He was ordained by Richard Cheney, Bishop of Gloucester, about 1564, but in 1569 he apostatized from the Church of England, and joined that of Rome. In 1573 he entered the Society of Jesuits, was afterwards a professor at Prague, and then in 1580 came over to England, when he was seized by the government, and put to death for some real or pretended conspiracy. He wrote a "*History of Ireland*," from the year of the world 1957, which was publ. by Sir James Ware, together with Spenser's "View of the state of Ireland," and Marlborough and Hanmer's *Histories of Ireland*, fol. Dublin, 1633. It is also in vol. i. of "*Ancient Irish Histories* ; the works of Spencer, Campion, Hanmer, and Marleborough," 2 vols. 8vo. Dublin, 1809. Holinshed made use of it in his "*Chronicles of Ireland*." A

short piece also by Campion, entitled "*Narratio de divortio Henr. VIII. ab uxore Catherine et ab Ecclesia Catholica Romana discessione*," is printed p. 733 of Harpsfeld's "Hist. Eccl." q. v. The original MS. of the history was sold by Mr. Leigh Sotheby, June 26, 1843. *Nat.* 1540, *ob.* 1581.



GEORGE BUCHANAN was born at Killearn in Stirlingshire. He was educated at St. Andrew's and at Paris, where he became a Professor. From that time (about 1531) till 1560 he led a very unsettled life, chiefly owing to the danger which hung over him on account of his Protestantism, and the bitter satires which he wrote against the Monks. In the latter year, however, he returned to Scotland, where he thenceforth remained. In 1566 he was appointed Principal of the College of St. Leonard, at St. Andrew's, and some years after was made Tutor to James VI., one of the Lords of the Council, and Lord Privy Seal. "*Rerum Scoticarum Historia*," from Fergus the first king of Scotland about B. C. 330. Fol. Edinb. 1582 and 1583; fol. Genev. 1583; with the "*De jure regni apud Scotos dialogus*," 8vo. Francof. ad Moen. 1594 and 1638; Amst. 12mo. 1642, 8vo. 1643, and fol. 1655; 8vo. Ultraj. 1668; 8vo. Traj. ad Rh. 1697; 8vo. Edinb. 1727; edited by James Man, 8vo. Aberd.

1762; and in the two editions of his works, the one edited by Th. Ruddiman, 2 vols. fol. Edinb. 1715, and the other, with a preface by Peter Burmann, 2 vols. 4to. Lugd. Bat. 1725. The editions of the translations are, fol. Lond. 1690; translated by Wm. Bond, 3 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1721-2 (the third vol. contains the "Detectio Mariæ Reginae," and the treatise "De jure regni" in English); fol. Lond. 1724; 8vo. 3 vols. Lond. 1733; Edinb. 1751; 8vo. 2 vols. Edinb. 1762 and 1766; 8vo. 3 vols. Edinb. 1821; and, with notes and a continuation to the Union by James Aikman, 4 vols. 8vo. Glasg. 1827. Books 14 to 19 were translated and publ. under the title of "An impartial account of the affairs of Scotland from the death of King James V. to the tragical exit of the earl of Murray; by an eminent hand." 8vo. Lond. 1705.

Nat. 1506, *ob.* 1582.



NICHOLAS HARPSFELD was born in London, and went first to Winchester School, and from there to New College, Oxford, where he was admitted Fellow in 1536. In 1544 he was chosen Principal of White Hall (which stood where Jesus College now is), in 1546 Professor of Greek, and in 1554 Archdeacon of Canterbury, in the place of Edm. Cranmer (brother of the Archbishop), who was deprived on account of his marriage. On the accession

however of Queen Elizabeth, he, being a zealous Romanist, lost all his preferments, and was confined for the rest of his life in prison, for some years in the custody of Archbishop Parker, who afforded him much assistance in compiling his history. It is entitled "*Historia Anglicana Ecclesiastica*." Edited by Rich. Gibbons, a Jesuit, fol. Douay, 1622. In Cotton. MS. Vitell. C. ix. there are two other works by Nic. Harpsfeld, in his own handwriting, which are also (but according to Tanner, wrongly) ascribed to his brother, John Harpsfeld, who was Archdeacon of London, and died in 1578. The one is "*Historia Ecclesiastica versibus elegiacis*," and the other, "*Chronicon a diluvio ad 1559*." Ob. 1583.



JOHN FOXE was born at Boston, Lincolnshire, and studied at Brasen-nose College, Oxford, from whence he removed to Magdalene Coll., of which he became a Fellow. He was however expelled in 1545 as a heretic, and in the reign of Queen Mary went abroad, and settled at Basil. He returned when Queen Elizabeth came to the throne, and obtained a prebend in Salisbury Cathedral. He was also Vicar of St. Giles, Cripplegate, where he was buried. His work was first published in Latin, entitled, "*Rerum in Ecclesia gestarum quae postremis et periculosis his temporibus evenerunt commentarii*."

Pars prima, in qua de rebus per Angliam et Scotiam gestis narratio continetur," Fol. Bas. 1559, and 8vo. Argent. 1554. To this last ed. are appended "*Aphorismi Joannis Vuicleui cum collectaneis quibusdam Reginaldi Pecoki Episcopi Ciceſtrenſis; item, Οπιστολογια quaedam ad Oxonienses.*" A second vol. called "*Martyrum Galliae, &c. Historia,*" was added in continuation by Hen. Pantaleon, fol. Basil. 1563. The English translation has the following title, "*Actes and monuments of these latter and perillous dayes, touching matters of the Church, wherein are comprehended and described the great persecutions and horrible troubles that have bene wrought and practised by the Romishe prelates, speciallye in this realme of England and Scotlande from the yeare of oure Lorde a thousande unto the tyme nowe present.*" Fol. Lond. printed by John Daye (1563); 2 vols. fol. by the same printer, 1570, and enlarged, 1576, and 1583; 2 vols. fol. Lond. by Peter Short, 1596-7; 2 vols. fol. Lond. 1610; 3 vols. 1618, 1632, and 1641 (the last black-letter edition); 2 vols. 1650; 3 vols. 1684;* and, with the life of Foxe, &c. by Rev^d. George Townsend, M. A., edited by Rev^d. Stephen R. Cattley, M. A. 8 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1836-41.

* Up to this date Lowndes and Watt each give only nine editions, but together they give eleven; the compiler has omitted one mentioned by Watt, that of 1612, and has inserted one of 1610, which is probably the one Watt means, and is in Douce's collection in the Bodleian.

Two of the abridgments are, by Timothy Bright, M. D. 4to. Lond. 1589, and by Rev^d. M. H. Seymour, M. A. 8vo. Lond. 1838.

Nat. 1517, *ob.* 1587.



WILLIAM PATTEN, a Londoner, whom Tanner supposes to have been Rector of St. Mary Hill, because he dates his book "out of the parsonage of S. Mary Hill in London this xxviii of January, 1548," but Newcourt in his Survey of the Diocese does not give him amongst the incumbents of that parish. Thin in his Catalogue of Historians in Holinshed, vol. iii. p. 1591, mentions him as then living (in 1587). He accompanied the Duke of Somerset's expedition into Scotland in 1547, and wrote the history of it, which he called "*The expedition into Scottlāde of the most woorthely fortunate prince Edward Duke of Soomerfet.*" 12mo. Lond. printed by Grafton, 1548, and reprinted in J. G. Dalyell's "Fragments of Scottish History," 4to. Edinb. 1798.

Fl. 1547-1587.



JOHN HERD was elected Scholar of King's Coll. Camb. from Eton in 1529, was afterwards Fellow, and took the degree of M. D. in 1558. He was also a Prebendary of York and Lincoln. "*Historia An-*

glicana, carmine heroico, continens regna Edw. IV. et V. Rich. III. et Hen. VII." Cotton MS. Julius. C. ii. Ob. 1588.



GEORGE MARJORIBANKS. All that is known concerning this writer is given in the following note at the end of his Chronicle,—“Thus ends the Analls of George Marioribancks, burges of Edinburghe, sone to Michael Marioribancks, balyie of the said burgh, quho departed this mortall lyffe vpone the 20 day of November in Anno 1591.” His short “*Annals of Scotland from the yeir 1514 to the yeir 1591,*” were publ. by John Graham Dalyell, 8vo. Edinb. 1814.



DAVID CHAMBERS was born in Ross-shire, and educated at Aberdeen. He entered into Holy Orders, and after passing through inferior gradations, became Chancellor of Ross. In 1564 he was appointed a Lord of Session, and thereupon he assumed the title of Lord Ormond. He was driven from the kingdom with Queen Mary, but subsequently returned, and in 1586 was restored to his office. “*Histoire abrégée de tous les Roys de France, Angleterre (from Brute), et Escoffe ; plus, l'épitome de l'histoire Romaine*

des Papes et Empereurs." 8vo. Par. 1579.*

Nat. circ. 1530, *ab.* 1592.



JOHN LESLIE was educated at the University of Aberdeen, and in 1547 was made Canon of the Cathedral of that city. When the Reformation began to spread he zealously opposed it, and was one of the chief defenders of the Romish Church. In 1565 he was appointed to the See of Ross, vacant by the death of Bishop Sinclair. After Queen Mary's flight into England and imprisonment, he was sent for by her to give his assistance and advice, but having engaged in plans for her deliverance, was arrested in 1571, and confined in the Tower till 1574, when he was liberated at the request of the King of France. He then went abroad, vainly endeavouring to rouse the continental sovereigns in behalf of his royal mistress. In 1593 he was made Bishop of Coutances in Lower Normandy, but he retired into the Monastery of Guirtenburg near Brussels, where he died. 1. "*De origine, moribus, et rebus gestis Scotorum, accessit regionum et insularum Scotiæ, cum ejusdem tabula topographica, descriptio*;" from Gathelus, son of Cecrops. 4to. Rom. 1578, and 1675. That part which contains the reign of Queen Mary is in Sam. Jebb's "*De vita et gestis*

* According to Nicolson there was an edition in 1572, but the compiler has not seen it mentioned anywhere else.

Mariæ Scotorum Regina Scriptores xvi." fol. Lond. 1725, vol. i. pp. 149-236. II. "*History of Scotland from the death of James I. in 1436 to the year 1561,*" written in the Scottish vernacular. Published by the Bannatyne Club, edited by Thomas Thomson, esq. 4to. Edinb. 1830.

Nat. 1527, *ob.* 1596.




GERARD of Cornwall. (*Girardus Cornubiensis.*) Not knowing where to place this writer in the chronological order, as nothing is found any where concerning his life, it has been thought best to put him at the end. He is said to have written a book, "*De gestis Britonum,*" and another, "*De gestis Regum West-Saxonum,*" which are referred to three times by Th. Rudburn, in his *History of Winchester*. Thin also mentions him in his *Catalogue of historians* in *Holinshed*, p. 1590, and Hearne has printed an extract from the *Saxon History*, being "*Historia Guidonis de Warwyke,*" from MS. 147 in *Magd. Coll. Oxford*, in his appendix to the "*Chronicon de Dunstaple,*" vol. ii. pp. 825-830, 8vo. Oxf. 1733. There is not however any thing else of Gerard's in the *Magd. MS.* (which the compiler has seen), and the short piece which has been printed is written at the end of Higden's *Polychronicon*, on the same page with it, and preceding its copious index.



APPENDIX OF ANONYMOUS HISTORIES.

A. D.

1096. " *NNALES Inisfalenfes*," printed from two MSS. the one in the Bodleian, the other in Dublin, the histories extending respectively from 428 to 1096, and from 201 to 1088, are in the second vol. of O'Connor's "*Rerum Hibernicarum Scriptores*."

1131. "*Annales Ultonienses*," from 431 to 1131.

They are in vol. iv. of the same collection with the preceding. There are English extracts from A. D. 431 to 1302, taken from a partly English and partly Latin version, which extends to 1305, in the Brit. Mus. (formerly vol. xlix. of the Clarendon MSS., numbered 4795 in Ayscough's Cat.) pp. 56-71 of Rev^d. James Johnstone's ed. of the "*Chronicle of Man*," 4to. Copenh. 1774.

- 1135-1147. "*Gesta Stephani Regis Anglorum et Ducis Normannorum.*" In Du Chefne's "Historiæ Normannorum Scriptores," pp. 927-975, fol. Par. 1619.
1154. The Saxon Chronicle, from the Incarnation of our Lord to the death of King Stephen. Part of it with a Latin translation is subjoined to Wheloc's Bede, and it was publ. by Edm. Gibson (afterwards Bishop of London) also with a Latin version, 4to. Oxon. 1692; with an English version, notes, &c. by the Rev^d. James Ingram, D. D. (Prof. Trin. Coll. Oxf.) 4to. Lond. 1823; and it was printed with a translation, by the Record Commission in 1831 in vol. i. of "Materials for the History of Britain," which is not yet finished, and therefore not published. A translation by Miss Gurney was privately printed at Norwich, 8vo. 1819.
1163. "*Chronicon cenobii sanctæ Crucis Edinburgensis.*" This Chronicle reaches from the coming of Julius Cæsar to 1163, and is as far as 734 an epitome of Bede. The more important part of it is in Wharton's "*Anglia Sacra*," vol. i. pp. 152-162. fol. Lond. 1691.
1232. "*Annales de Margan*," a Monastery in Glamorganshire, founded by Robert, Earl of

Gloucester in 1147, in which year he also died. They extend from 1066 to 1232, and are in Gale's "Hist. Anglic. Scriptores quinque," pp. 1-21.

1245. "*Annales Buelliani*," from 420 to 1245 are in vol. ii. of O'Connor's "Scriptores."

1263. "*Annales Monasterii Burtonensis in agro Staffordiensis*," from 1004 to 1263. Up to the commencement of Richard the First's reign, this book gives about as much information as might be comprised in a couple of pages, but thenceforward it is very full. It is in Fulman's "*Rerum Anglicarum Scriptores*," pp. 246-448.

1270. "*Chronica de Mailros*," i. e. Melrose. It extends from 735 to 1270, and is supposed to have been commenced by an Abbot of Dun-drainan about 1157. It is in Fulman's "*Rerum Anglicarum Scriptores*," pp. 135-244, and, printed for the Bannatyne Club, 4to. Edinb. 1835.

1273. "*Liber de antiquis Legibus*." This work (which is preserved in the office of the Town Clerk of London) contains a valuable chronicle from 1188 to 1273. It is described by Rev^d. Jos. Hunter in the App. to the Report

of the Record Commission, publ. in 1837. There are also copies in the Harleian collection, (690,) and, a recent one, in the State Paper Office.

1291. "*Annales Waverleiensis.*" Waverly was a Cistercian Monastery in Surrey, and was founded in 1128 by William Giffard, Bishop of Winchester. The annals are from 1066 to 1291, and are printed pp. 129-243 of Gale's "*Historiæ Anglicanæ Scriptores quinque.*"

1312. A short metrical "*Chronicle of England,*" consisting of 1036 lines, from Brute to 1312, is printed pp. 270-313, vol. ii. of Ritson's "*Ancient English metrical romancees,*" 8vo. Lond. 1802.

1316. "*Chronicon Manniæ et Insularum,*" from 1015. The original history stops at 1266, but is continued in a few lines to 1316. Part, viz. from 1066, is printed in Camden's "*Britannia,*" fol. Lond. 1607, pp. 840-846, and, with copious notes, pp. 209-244, vol. iii. of "*Scriptores Rerum Danicarum mediæ ævi,*" ed. Jac. Langebek, fol. Copenh. 1774. It was publ. complete from the original MS. in the Brit. Mus. by the Rev^d. James Johnstone, A. M. 4to. Copenh. 1786, under the title of

"Antiquitates Celto-Normannicæ," containing besides, extracts from the Annals of Ulster, and Sir J. Ware's Antiquities of Ireland, British topography by Ptolemy, Richard of Cirencester, the Geographer of Ravenna, and Andrew, Bishop of Caithness, and catalogues of the Pictish and Scottish Kings.

1346. "*Historia de gestis Regum Britannorum et Anglorum a Cassibellano ad an. 20 Ed. 3.* (1346) *per quendam canonicum de Lanercoſt in comitatu Cumbriae.*" Printed by the Maitland Club, 4to. Edinb. 1839.

1348. "*Vitae Edwardi II. et III. a monacho quodam Malmesburiensi,*" from 1307, are printed pp. 95-250 of Trokelowe's "*Annales,*" q. v.

1376-1377. A transcript of "*An historicall relation of certain passages about the end of King Edward III. and of his death,*" from Harl. MS. 6217, communicated to the Society of Antiquaries by Th. Amyot, esq. is printed pp. 212-284, vol. xxii. of the "*Archæologia,*" 4to. Lond. 1829. It is supposed to be a translation of part of a Latin chronicle written by a Monk of St. Alban's.

1377-1399. "*Historia vitæ et regni Ricardi II.*

a monacho quodam de Eveſbām conſignata."

Edited by Th. Hearne, 8vo. Oxf. 1729.

1415. "*Gefſta R. Henrici V.*" The author was a prieſt who accompanied the expedition into France, and was preſent at the battle of Agincourt. His work is in Cotton. MS. Julius, E. iv. and Sloane MS. 1776, and a tranſlation of that part which contains the account of the invaſion of France, from Auguſt 7th, the day the King left England, to Nov. 23rd, the day of his return to London, is printed in Sir H. Nicolas' "*History of the Battle of Agincourt*," pp. 183-300, 8vo. Lond. 1832.

1431. "*Chronicon Godſtovianum*," (from the Creation) ſo named by Hearne becauſe he met with it at the ruins of Godſtowe Nunnery, near Oxford, in 1715. The beginning and end are imperfect. It is printed with Roper's *Life of Sir. Th. More*, pp. 180-246. 8vo. Oxford, 1716.

1460. "*Extracta e variis Cronicis Scocie*;" from Fergus. Printed for the Abbotsford Club, from the MS. in the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, edited by W. B. Turnbull, 4to. Edinb. 1842.

1460. "*Ane addicioun of Scottis Corniklis and deidis*"

from 1436. Privately printed by Thomas Thomson, esq. from a MS. in the Auchinleck library, 4to. n. p. (1818?) The first part of the volume (which altogether consists of 60 pages) is a *verbatim* transcript of the MS., which is very irregularly and confusedly written; the second, entitled "*A short Chronicle of the reign of James II. King of Scots,*" is the preceding tract corrected, a little altered, and arranged in the order of time.

1461-1470. "*A fragment of an old English Chronicle of the affairs of King Edward 4th,*" is printed pp. 283-306 in Hearne's Appendix to *Sprott's* "*Chronica,*" q. v.

1470. "*Scala Mundi,*" from the Creation to 1470, with a chronology to 1619, is in Lambeth Library, No. 22, Trin. Coll. Camb. R. iv. 12, Herald's Coll. 5, and to 1450, Corp. Chr. Coll. Camb. 194.

1483. "*The Chronicle of London*" from 1189. With an Appendix containing poems by Lydgate, &c., edited by Sir H. Nicolas, 4to. Lond. 1827. This ed. was printed from the Harleian MS. 565, and Cotton. Julius, B. 1.; a third copy, Harl. MS. 3775, which stops at Henry VI., and another in St. John's Coll. Oxford (57), were not collated.

1596. "*The historie and life of King James the Sext ; being an account of the affairs of Scotland from the year 1566 to the year 1596, with a short continuation to the year 1617.*" Printed for the Bannatyne Club, from a MS. in the library of the Marquis of Lothian at Newbattle Abbey, and edited by Th. Thomson, esq. 4to. Edinb. 1825.

"*Fragmentum de Gulielmo conquestore,*" is in Camden's "*Anglica, Normannica, &c. a veteribus scripta,*" pp. 29-35.

Some short chronicles of the Pictish and Scottish Kings, from a MS. in the Royal Lib. of Paris, from the Register of St. Andrews, and from a MS. in the Scotch College at Paris, are printed in the Appendix to vol. ii. of Innes' "*Essay on the ancient inhabitants of Scotland,*" pp. 768-819. 8vo. Lond. 1729.

"*Chronicon Sancti fani Neoti,*" see *Affer*.

The Chronicle of St. Alban's, see *Caxton*.



ADDENDA.



ENNIUS and GILDAS. An 8vo. edition, containing the text adopted by Mr. Stevenson, with a translation into German of his preface and notes, by San-Marte (A. Schulz), who has also prefixed a preface of his own, has been published at Berlin in the present year.



WILLIAM of Malmesbury. A great part of the first three books of the "*Gesta Regum Anglorum*," is printed in Jerome Commeline's "*Rerum Britannicarum Scriptores*" (pp. 281-348), as a continuation to Bede, under the title of "*De gestis Anglorum libri tres, incerto auctore*." "The three last chapters in Commelin's volume are not, however to be found in any copy of Malmesbury at present extant."*

* Mr. Hardy's Introduction to his edition, p. xx.



ODERICUS VITALIS. A translation into French, by M. Louis Dubois, was published at Paris in 1825-7, in four vols. 8vo., being vols. 25-28 of "Collection des Mémoires," by M. Guizot.



ROGER de HOVEDEN. An extract, "de rebus gestis Henrici Leonis Saxonie Ducis, et filii ejus Ottonis IV. imperatoris," is printed pp. 876-880, vol. i. of Leibnitz' "Scriptores rerum Brunsvicenfium," fol. Hanov. 1707.



NICHOLAS TRIVET. There are some extracts from his book, "*Les gestes des Apostoiles, Empereurs, & Rois*," in James MS. 19 in the Bodleian.



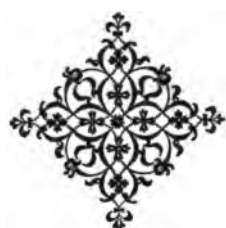
JOHN of Peterborough. The authorship of the history which goes under this name is uncertain. Bishop Patrick in his Appendix to Symon Gunton's "History of the Church of Peterborough" (fol. Lond. 1686, p. 312), claims it for Abbot John de Caleto, who died in 1262, but Sparke, in his pre-

face, doubts this, and would rather ascribe it to Abbot John Deeping, who died in 1439. There was no John, Abbot of Peterborough in 1340, at which year Pits, Vossius, &c. erroneously assert that he flourished.

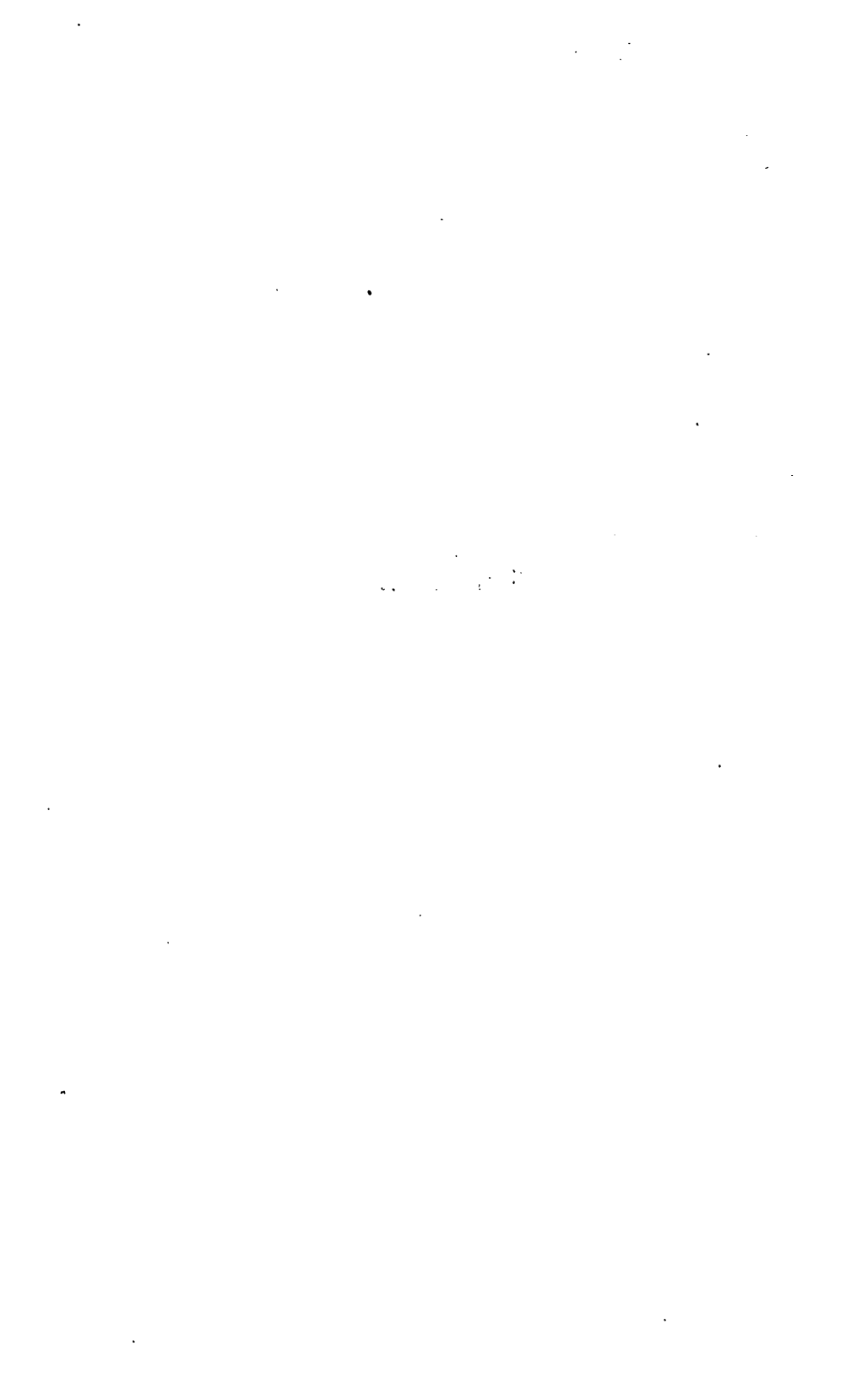


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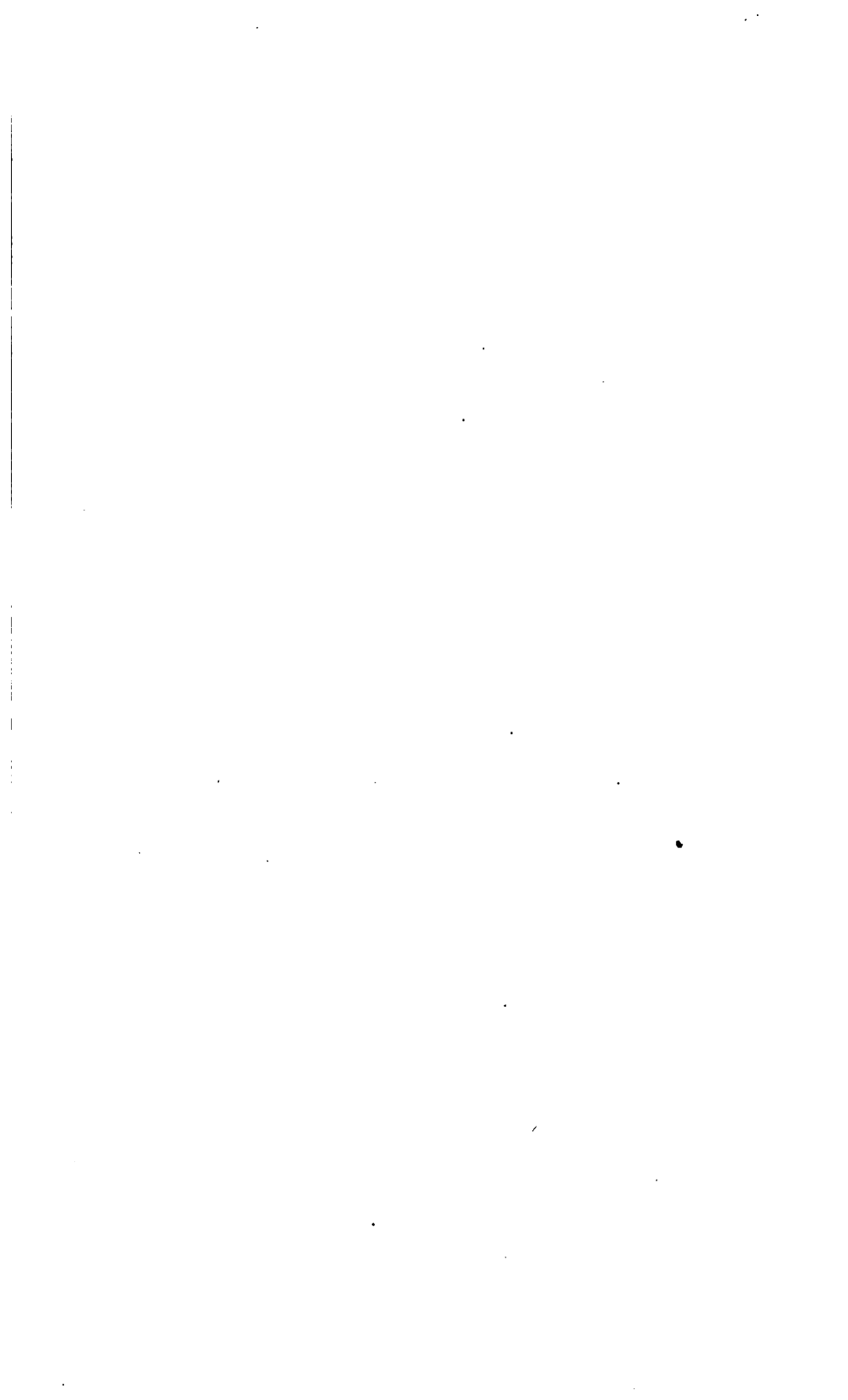
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